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150,000 Are at Risk If Serbian Gunners Hit Chemical Plant

By Joseph Fitchett nal Herald Tribune

PARIS - Fearing an explosion of poisonous chlorine gas that would threaten the lives of 150,000 people, the U.S. and European gov-eriments are pressing Yugoslav anhorities to halt Serbian shelling that is falling dangerously near a chemical-industrial complex in Tuzla, north of Sarajevo.

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if that plant blows, a Western diplomat said by telephone from Begrade on Tuesday, it will cause imman suffering on a scale not yet

Artillery shells fired by Serbian gumers have been landing within 750 meters of storage tanks holding 450 metric tons of chlorine and 50 metric tons of mercury.

If an explosion released these volatile, tonic chemicals, the cloud of poison gas could kill people in an area 20-kilometers (12-miles) wide, they said. The extent and furation of such a disaster would depend on the wind and weather

Mercury, hydrochloric acid and other compounds produced in the ensuing chemical reaction would

run into rivers that flow into the lower Danube.

A "direct hit with the right kind of round could turn it on," according to a Western diplomat in phone contact with the skeleton crew remaining on duty at the endangered company, the Polihem plastics plant in a mountainous area 120 cilometers by road from Sarajevo.

The Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, is too far away to be directly threatened by an explosion in Tuzla, but Western government reports have concluded that an explosion at Turla has the potential for causing one of the biggest industrial and environmental disasters since World War IL

A U.S. assessment of the risk concluded that if shelling released the toxic chemicals at Tuzla, the disaster would not be comparable to Hiroshima or Chernobyl, but that it would be "almost certainly worse than Bhopal," scene of an accident in India that killed more than 2,000 people and permanently injured another 20,000.

That report by a crisis team from the Environmental Protection Agency, helped trigger what a U.S. See CHLORINE, Page 2



A Serb in a bulletproof vest, engaged in battle in the old town of Mostar, taking cover behind a stone wall.

Artillery shells continued to explode throughout Sarajevo on Tuesday, where many people are desperately short of food and medicine. But there was a gimmer of hope after confirmation of a decision by the United Nations to send a team to open the city's Serb-controlled airport.

In Sarajevo, Hope Amid Suffering

A Western diplomat in Belgrade raised the possibility a limited military operation might be carried out to take over the airport if people in the city began to die of starvation before a reliable ceasefire could be arranged. (Page 2)

Marxism Gone, Islam Gains Anew in Ex-Soviet Lands

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service DUSHANDE, Tapping in lam, as an enduring means of order-

ing spiritual and social life, is it paining its place in Central Asia after the A writer who mocked Islamic exilure of Soviet Communist ideolo-.

In the aftermath of 70 years of official atheism, the exiling of ethnic minorities and harsh suppression of Islam, the very ideas of independence and democracy in the region have taken on Islamic hues. At the same time, Russian culture,

language and influence are receding , thinking seriously about when, how its artificial creations like Tajikistan, and where to go. a poor land of 5.1 million people near Uzbekistan and Afghanistan,

try to build real states, with ties to the broader world beyond Russian influence:

Many Russians, who once made up about 10 percent of the population of Tajikistan, are leaving or

. The growing influence-and

strength of Islam is striking in Tajikistan. Seven weeks of street demonstrations aimed at the overthrow of the old Communist leadership and appearatus took on an increasingly Islamic character before President Rakhmon Nabiyev was forced to acquiesce in May to opposition deands for power-sharing and new

had been hampered in open worship and religious instruction all their lives, learned at last how to pray.

Living in tents in what was renamed Martyrs' Square, in front of the presidential palace, citizens from many parts of the country listened to speeches and sermous, poetry and of the long-secret Islamic Renais-prayers, all broadcast on loudspeak-sance Party. Founded 15 years ago ers that reverberated through the

As the weeks went on and the confrontation with power deepened, During those weeks, many thou-sands of Tajikistan's Muslims, who once to five times a day. Increasingthe prayers gradually increased from

less and hair covered.

"Every day here in the square was like 10 days in school for the peo-ple," said Mokhammeti Khadizo-dekh, editor of a new newspaper, The Tribune of Islam, and a leader and now in the open, the party is still

banned in neighboring Uzbekistan. "We ourselves were learning poli-tics here," Mr. Khadizodekh said,

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Major Differences Persist in Prague, **Talks to Continue**

'Federation Is Lost,' Czech Declares After Meeting With Slovak Leader

By Burton Bollag

New York Times Service PRAGUE - Czechoslovakia faced a crisis Tuesday that may lead to the breakup of the federation as the Czech and Slovak winners of elections last weekend were unable to narrow their differences about the future shape of the

At a 61/2-hour meeting, the Czech and Slovak leaders discovered the depth of the chasm separating the two balves of the country 30 months

after the end of con Finance Minister Vaclay Klaus, whose party swept the elections in the more populous Czech lands, is committed to continuing the country's

rapid transition to a market economy.

But Vladimir Meciar, the populist leader who was the big winner in Slovakia, the poorer

eastern region, wants to slow the reforms and loosen ties to Prague, the federal capital.

After emerging from the meeting in the early hours of Tuesday morning, Mr. Klaus was quoted as saying: "The federation is lost."

The meeting was held on neutral territory, the central Czechoslovak city of Brno.

Mr. Mercias said through a spokerman that

Mr. Meciar said through a spokesman that there were radical differences over how the

federation should be structured. Mr. Klaus on Tuesday reported to President Vaclay Havel on the failed talks. Afterwards, Mr. Havel told reporters that it would be premature to write the obitnary of the 74-year-old

"A lot will depend on the events in the month of June," he said.

Mr. Havel's own political future is in doubt because of Slovak opposition to his decision to seek a second term of office.

The Czechoslovak parliament will start efforts to elect a president early next month. On Monday, the president's spokesman said that Mr. Havel, a playwright and former dissident, would accept a new mandate only if the country remained together.

Mr. Klans and Mr. Meciar have agreed to meet again on Thursday in Prague. The Czech leader said that if progress was made another round would be held on Sunday.

But Mr. Klaus says that if the two sides cannot agree on the shape and powers of a new federal government, it would be better to agree

quickly to separate. "It is necessary to create new federal organs quickly," he said Tuesday at a crowded press

conference in Prague. The Czech leader, who was asked by Mr. Havel to form a new government, said he wanted his cabinet ready to be presented to the new

parliament for approval when that body holds its first meeting toward the end of this month. He said Mr. Meetiar wanted to wait until after

The two sides agree that the government would be only provisional in the case that Slovakia goes ahead with staging a referendum

The Czech side accepts Mr. Mecair's plan to hold a referendum, but Mr. Klaus said both the Slovak and Czech halves of the country should be allowed to vote on the same question.

An aide to Mr. Klaus said that deciding on the wording and other details of a referendum would be a central point at future talks.

Mr. Klaus said that Mr. Mediar was not interested in a common state but only in a defense and economic union.

He said such an arrangement was beneath his minimum requirement for a reasonable federa-

tion worth preserving. Mr. Klaus has accepted the need to reduce the powers of the central authorities, but he has

repeatedly said that the minimum requirements for a common state are control over defense, foreign and monetary policy.

Both Mr. Klaus and Mr. Havel on Tuesday stressed that they would agree to the mainte-nance of a common state only if Czechoslovakia's rapid transformation to a market econo-

Mr. Meciar wants to slow the economic reforms that many Slovaks feel are unfairly hurt-ing their part of the country, which is suffering three times more unemployment. "I would be more hopeful if they were bluff-

said Mr. Kraus, referring to the Slovak "After bluffing you can use another card. But there was oo bluffing. They have been consis-tent in promoting their views."

Mr. Meciar, whose party won 38 percent of the vote in the Slovak regional parliament wants that body to declare Slovakia sovereign this summer, and then adopt a new constitution

of its own. There would then be a referendum to decide whether the region should be fully independent. It is not clear, however, how such a vote would go. Pubbic opinion polls have shown that less than one Slovak in five favors indepen-

dence, although a majority wants looser ties to "It is true that the situation at this moment is very serious and that at this very moment - in

these days and weeks - our future is being decided," Mr. Havel said, Mr. Klaus said at a televised news conference in Prague: "Negotiation about any union or

commonwealth of two sovereign states is negotiation about the breakup or dissolution of the common state." "It is necessary," he said, "to call things what

they are, not to use camouflage that could mislead the public, politicians, all of us."

Queen Elizabeth reviewing an honor guard with President Mitterrand on her arrival Thesday in Paris for a four-day visit to France.

British Throne: An Endangered Species?

By Suzy Menkes

International Herald Tribune
PARIS — While scandal snaps at the heels of her family back home and republicans sink their teeth into the British monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II arrived in France on Tuesday to a red-carpet welcome. No matter what, the queen, who celebrates 40 years on the throne

this year, just carries on reigning.
Under an apricot whip of a hat, with regal smile and a medaled-and-uniformed Prince Philip at her side, Queen Elizabeth was greeted at Orly Airport by President François Mitterand and said a few warm words on the frosty subject of European unity. She then inspected the soldiers of the Garde Republicaine, rode in an open-top Citroen down the Champs-Elystes to lay a wreath for Alied soldiers killed in World War II and went off to carry out that

sacred French rite: eating a jolly good lunch.
The four-day state visit, the first since 1972, will take in housing projects and works of art in Paris, a stay at Bloss in Sleeping Beauty country on the Loire and over to Bordeaux in the southwest. The visit is being given the full tricolor treatment - and not just by the government. In a crisis weekend meeting, Paris Match, the juicy weekly news magazine, apparently decided to let her gracious majesty's face

push the troubled Diana, Princess of Wales, off is this a portent of things to come? Those who study royal history point to the British monarchy's resilience and suggest that come sorrow or scandal the species tends to survive. In Paris in 1972, Queen Elizabeth visited a dying Duke of Windson, whose abdication in 1936 for love of a divorced Wallis Simpson

precipitated the last royal marriage crisis. In that event, in spite of portentous comments, it was the king who went and not the throne.

The public reaction in Britain to revelations about the depth of Diana's despair at being locked into a gilded cage and loveless marriage is compassion and a deep unease that such emotional entrails should be picked over in

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Church of England, led a general chorus deploying the book and its serialization in The Sunday Times. The Press Complaints Commission, a self-regulating body, called newspaper coverage "an odious exhibition of journalists dabbling their lingers in the suff of other people's souls." Apart from repeating that the

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Pre-Summit Nuclear Arms Deal Is Fading

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The United States and Russia failed to reach agreement Tuesday on deeper cuts their nuclear arsenals, raising doubt that such a deal can be completed in time for next week's

Washington summit meeting. Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d and Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev announced their inability to agree following a brief meeting with President George Bush.

Russian sources said another meeting of Mr. Baker and Mr. Kozyrev proposal for an overall limit of have expressed willingness to com-

Both ministers indicated in their comments that disagreement over the extent to which Russia would be able to retain land-based multiple-warhead ballistic missiles, now the backbone of its force, was the key point of contention.

was possible somewhere else in the 4,700 warheads on the nuclear arse-

world before President Boris N. nals of the two nations, less than Yeltsin arrived here next Monday half as many weapons as they had for a summit meeting with Mr. as recently as 1990 and a much smaller force than is called for by the still-unratified Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START. In the current negotiations, the

United States has insisted until now that all land-based multiplewarhead weapons be eliminated, a position that has been unaccept-

have expressed willingness to com-promise by reducing their landbased multiple-warhead missiles to about 30 percent of their total force, but this offer was unsatisfactory to the American side. Russian officials arened in the

negotiations that it was unreasonable and politically unacceptable at bome to climinate the most important element of Russia's remaining nuclear strength, while the United

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Baseball Sale Is Approved

The Japanese-led group beaded by Hiroshi Yamauchi, president of Nintendo Co. Ltd., received the unanimous approval Tuesday of major league baseball's ownership committee to buy the Scattle Mariners.

The 26 teams are virtually certain to approve the deal the first overseas ownership of a major league team — on a final vote Wednesday. Mr. Yamanchi wili contrib-

ute \$75 million of the \$125 million invested, but he will have virtually no say in running the team. (Page 17)

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Yeltsin pleaded for peace in Georgia-South Ossetia conlict. Page 2. U.S. family farms fade to mom

and pop outfits, and big business moves nearer. Page 3. Quayle attacked "moral cynicism" of "media clite," Page 3. Indooesia's ruling party led by a wide margin in early voting for parliament.

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Views Could Hurt Perot Rating

By E.J. Dionne Jr. Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot is riding dissatisfaction with President George Bush's job performance and unhappiness with Congress to the top of the national polls, but the latest Washington Post-ABC News survey suggests that the Texas billionaire's popularity could fall as voters learn more about his views and back-

The new poll showed Mr. Perot and more than twice as many regis-

portrayed an electorate at the point

Five mayors are impressed by 'dy-

namism' of Ross Perot. Page 3. of exasperation with Washington.

The poll found Mr. Bush with the worst ratings of his presidency. By almost every measure, Mr. Perot has improved his standing with the public over the last month,

leading Mr. Bush and Governor tered voters have a favorable view of him as hold an unfavorable view of him as hold an unfavorable view. But four voters in 10 say they still don't know enough about Mr. Perot to have any opinion of him at all, and the poll indicated that some of the things Mr. Perot has said and done could burt him over the long run, even with his own

> Presented with statements that described Mr. Perot or his views but did not mention him by name See PEROT, Page 6

U.S. Lashes Back at Summit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches RIO DE JANEIRO - European nations isolat-

ed the United States at the Earth Summit on Tuesday, presenting a united front on both biodiversity and global warming that clashed directly with U.S. policy, and the Bush administration lashed back with some harsh comments.

Britain became the last major European nation

to say that it will sign a biodiversity convention to protect plants, animals and natural resources. The 12-nation European Community, meanwhile drafted a call for firmer commitments on the reduction of so-called greenhouse gases than those

already contained in a U.S.-brokered convention on climate change. In response, the Bush administration suggested Tuesday that support by allies, particularly Germany and Japan, for measures at the Earth Summit reflected guilt and a desire to be "politically

The comments from a senior administration official came during a White House briefing ahead of President George Bush's trip later this week to Rio de Janeiro.

The briefing rules dictated that the official's comments not be attributed to him by name. When reporters pressed him to put his remarks on the record, he refused.

The sharp tone of the official's comments underscored growing frustration in the administration over its isolation at the international environmen-

tal conference. Under the cloak of anonymity, the official called the Rio summit meeting "a circus" and said that

"chaos" prevailed there. The United States has steadfastly refused to sign the biodiversity treaty, fearing that its biotechnology industry might be hurt. But it is all but alone among industrial nations, with only Japan still undecided on what it will do. Japan, however, has said it is studying the treaty with a view to signing

Speaking at a news briefing in Rio, Michael See RIO, Page 3

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UN's Slap at Serbs Appears Too Late For Dying Sarajevo

By Michael T. Kaufman New York Times Service

BELGRADE - With Sarajevo enduring the most devastating attack on a European city since World War II the United Nations sanctions on Serhia and its ally Montenegro are not soon enough or stern enough to stem the vio-

Before we run out of Coca-Cola here in Belgrade, there will be no

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water to drink in Sarajevo," said Stojan Cerovic, a journalist who is critical of the Belgrade govern-

He summed up a growing impression that the UN sanctions would not stop the furious Serbian assault on the capital or force the Serbs to withdraw from the vast territories of Bosnia-Herzegovina that they have already sezed.

The population of Sarajevo, staggered by shelling that intensified this week, is hoping for speedi-er deliverance in the form of Western aircraft zeroing in on the mountainside positions from which the Serbs unleash storms of artillery and rocket fire.

The notion of an international military response was being taken more seriously because events made it clear that, whatever sanctions might achieve in the long run, they are not likely to bring relief to

In Germany, which has taken the lead in recognizing Bosnia and the three other breakaway republics of Yugoslavia, officials have pointedly noted that military options cannot be discounted.

UN suggestions that the airport in Sarajevo be forced open by peacekeepers as a supply route for food and medicine also imply the use of military measures. It would be impossible to make the airport secure without silencing the Serbian guns and rockets in the hills.

Certainly in describing the situation in a letter to Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali, the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Alija Izet-begovic, sounded like a man in need of more swift assistance.

"Around 85 percent of the territory of our country is under ai-tack," he wrote Sunday.

"I assure you, Dear Mr. Ghali, that after two months of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, nothing has changed in the character of the conflict. It remains a ruthless and unabated aggression by Serbia and Montenegro, i.e., the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which together with the former Yugoslav Na-

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na — Serbian irregular military

units resumed the shelling of Sara-jevo on Tuesday and blocked a

Cautious hopes were raised,

however, by confirmation of a UN

decision to send several dozen mili-

tary observers to the Sarajevo air-

The two sides engaged in intense

artillery duels Tuesday and some

street fighting confining almost all Sarajevo's remaining 300,000 resi-dents to bomb shelters with virtual-

ly no food, electricity or running water, Bosnian journalists said.

ed, too," said the editor of Sarajevo

radio, Zoran Pirolic. "It is very dif-

ficult. I think many people have

lost hope because they have been

waiting so long for the airport to

to prepare the groundwork for a cease-fire allowing the airport to open for humanitarian aid, under a

United Nations Security Council

resolution adopted Monday.

About 1,100 UN peacekeeping

troops would take over the airport, now controlled by Serbs, pending a

The Serbian minority in Bosnia

Herzegovina rebelled in March af-

ter Muslims and Croats voted for

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi-

which could not be reached by political means: namely, to create, by ethnie cleansing of some territories, the precondition for their secession from Bosnia-Herzegovina and merging into Serbia and Montene-

The adoption of sanctions amounted to recognition of the validity of the way Mr. Izetbegovic sees the situation. But if a trade embargo is followed not by diminished aggression by Serbs but rather by a brutal and punitive attack on civilians, what options remain for collective action? And what risks do they involve?

With the decision to apply extensive sanctions on Belgrade, the world has decided, perhaps belatedly, that it has an overriding obligation to suppress the kind of na-tionalistic zeal that encourages aggression to unite kith and kin across recognized borders.

For politicians and diplomats in Europe and the United States who concern themselves with security on the Continent, any success by those fighting and killing for long-held dreams of a Greater Serbia could only encourage other nationalists to take up arms.

There are resentments and rivalries rippling not only through the countries that have devolved from Yugoslavia but also through dozens of ethnic groups in Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and in the old Soviet Union.

The assumption that led to sanctions was that the process had to be stopped by a resolute international action. But the Serbs in Bosnia are not giving up the fight.

"They simply do not care what happens," said Mr. Cerovic, the journalist, who was trained as a clinical psychologist. "You have to understand their mentality. They are like the Communists in that, for them, the end justifies the means. For them, the idea of creating a Greater Serbia that they think will last forever is worth the suffering and pain and killing."

Mr. Cerovic said the attitude was reflected in the assault on Sarajevo. The city, he said, has little strategic value because Serbs already control most of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The whole idea of the attack is to humiliate, to punish and to subjugate the population," he said.

independence of the republic from

The conflict has killed more than

5,700 people and left a million

homeless. There is a specter of star-

vation in Sarajevo because relief

agencies have been unable to get

"People could find only bread today," a journalist said. They

went out for about two hours be-fore the shelling got bad again."

A Western diplomat in Belgrade raised the possibility of a limited

military operation to take control

of the airport if starvation became

endemic and the warring sides de-

"We are very worried about the food situation," he said and added,

in reference to a Scrb-besieged district: "About 35,000 people in Dobrinja are facing death by starva-

"We think some kind of military

action might be the only way to do something at this point," he said.

This would be a limited action on

the airport and creating a perimeter

has been crucial to their campaign

to conquer and partition the city,

part of the goal of carving out Scr-

linked by corridors to Serbia.

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bian enclaves within Bosnia to be

Analysts say UN negotiators face a task in overcoming Serbian suspicions that arms and food sup-

The Serbs' control of the airport

tion, malnutrition or from war."

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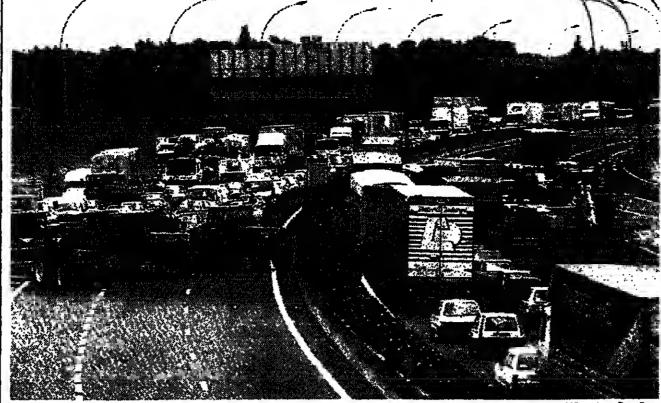
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the Serb-dominated federation.

While he does not believe denials by the president of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic, of responsibility for the fighting, Mr. Cerovic said the controversy over exactly who was fighting had been made irrelevant by the destruction being wreaked



BLOCKADE AGAINST EC POLICY - French farmers protesting European Community agricultural policy blocked the bypass roads around Toulouse with tractors Tuesday, virtually paralyzing traffic around the city. They threatened to extend their action.

Yeltsin Pleads for End to Ossetia Killing

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia appealed Tuesday for an end to heavy fighting around the rebellious region of South Ossetia in Georgia, after a night of shelling said to have killed 28 people.

"Stop and think and end this senseless bloodshed," he urged,

In Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, signs emerged that Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the country's leader, was struggling to keep control of the paramilitary forces pounding South Ossetia. Television broadcasts showed shattered and builet-scarred buildings in the disputed region's capital, Tskhinvali

Officials were quoted on television as saying that Georgian tanks were massed at three

Both sides should condemn this deliberately

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"just as the people in the square

Under Soviet power, Islam was

repressed or controlled. Although

Central Asian republics are consid-

ered to be Muslims, many mosques

were converted or destroyed. The

authorities allowed only a few to be

clergy based in Tashkent, the Uz-

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for the old but sharply discouraged for the young. Islam was widely

Croatian enemies through the air-

Tanjug, the Belgrade press agen-

cy, quoted the Bosnian Serbs' lead-

cr. Radovan Karadzic, as saying he was ready for talks with UN moni-

tors and that Bosnian officials had

sent him a message expressing will-

There were these other develop-

The United States on Tuesday

spurned an appeal from the presi-

dent of Bosnia-Herzegovina that it

send aircraft to bomb the Scrbs

bombarding Sarajevo. The State

Department spokeswoman, Mar-

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official said is a new level of urgen

ey in discussions this week at North

France, the Western government

closest to the Serbian leadership, is

demanding a halt to the Tuzla

The Bush administration has re-

jected the idea of raising the threat

of an environmental catastrophe

around Tuzla at the Earth Summit

in Rio, but has promised the Bosni-

an authorities to seek international

action on the issue at the summit

meeting next month in Helsinki of

the Conference on Security and

The chlorine and mercury

stocked at the Tuzia plant are used

in manufacturing plastics and re-lated industrial activities.

Energetic Western protests in re-

cent days may have produced an

ontial effect, according to a diplomat in Belgrade, who quoted the

Polihem plant manager as saying

that Serbian gunners seemed to be

In the view of other diplomats, a

aiming farther away on Tuesday.

direct Western military threat is

needed to protect installations rep-

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A separate report on Tuesday by

a Western intelligence source said that Scrbian irregulars, perhaps de-

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provoked worsening of the situation," Mr. Yelt-

The two men in control of Georgia's military forces, Jaba Ioseliani and the paramilitary leader, Tengiz Kitovani, deposed President Zviad Gamsakhurdia in January. Both oppose efforts by Mr. Shevardnadze, head of the National Council, to bring forces under control.

Ossetia was divided during Stalin's rule, the south going to Georgia and the north to Russia. South Ossetia declared independence from Georgia in 1990, hoping to join with North

Mr. Yeltsin fears the conflict could spread

In Moldova, another area of the former Soviet Union plagued by ethnic unrest, Prime Minister Valeriu Muravsky and most of the cabinet resigned Tuesday, apparently because of inabil-

ISLAM: Marxism Gone, Islam Regains Its Old Role in Ex-Soviet Lands

Muslims.

which is Washington's preferred lives here, they feel they have no

ten in the kitchen around the table. ment.

In the last years of the union, con-

During Soviet rule in Tajikistan,

this kitchen Islam and the under-

ground Islamic Renaissance Party

were particularly strong. Tajikistan

is the only ethnically Persian-

speaking land amid the Turkic-speaking Central Asian republics

As a result, Tajikistan looks

more toward Iran and Afghanistan,

where many ethnic Tajiks live, than

to modernday secular Turkey,

ation was being given to the idea.

Key members of Slobodan Mi-

losevic's Socialist Party in Serbia

198 of the 250 seats. If deprived of

a two-thirds majority, they would be unable to enact key legislation.

fying orders from Belgrade, were

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"They've done everything they

can," a Western diplomat said,

"and this is one of Yugoslavia's

Mine Explosion Kills

At Least 38 in Ukraine

were killed in a methane gas explo-

region in eastern Ukraine on Tues-

day, the ltar-Tass news agency re-

of the former Soviet Union.

trols were eased somewhat.

A terse government statement explaining the resignation said: "Our economic and political measures have not found support."

"They have provoked dissatisfaction among the population," it added. Mr. Muravsky has been onder pressure to resign for weeks. His critics include the nationalist Popular Front, the opposition Social Democrats and other parties that control about half of the seats in parliament.

government spokesman said.

ity to resolve the conflict with ethnic Slavs in the breakaway Trans-Dniester region. President Mircea Snegur canceled a trip to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and told legislators that he needed two weeks to decide what to do. Mr. Muravsky will remain in office

Moves toward a free market, initiated in January, caused swift price increases and have led to widespread discontent. (Renters, AP)

place to go, no place where they can

kan said on a balcony overlooking a park, clenching and unclenching

his fists, as loudspeakers nearby

environment and climate," he said,

gesturing to the steep, snowy mountains around the city. "I

tween two worlds, and welcome in

For days, the airport terminal was filled with Russians in tears,

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Russian women say they feel now

they should cover their hair when

outdoors to avoid harassment -

but most still do not.

I love this country so much, this

sang praises to Allah.

"I built half this city," Mr. Che-

WORLD BRIEFS

Iran Demotes Security Aide in Riots

TEHRAN (AFP) - A senior Iranian security officer was demoted and several others were dismissed after violent demonstrations May 30 in the eastern city of Meshed, an official source said here Tuesday.

Ahmad Rismanshian, who was security chief in Meshed, was replaced by Brigadier General Ali Asghar Hadadi, according to the Tehran source. At least one person was reported killed, several wounded and more than 300 arrested when rioters pillaged and burned government buildings. A Tehran radio broadcast said the rioting was started by a "group of bandits and outlaws who wanted to construct houses without manicipal

Libya Tells Britain of IRA Contacts

GENEVA (Reuters) - Libya relayed information to the British government on Tuesday concerning past contacts with the Irish Republi-

Foreign Office officials in London said it could take weeks to assess the information and determine whether Libya had complied fully with Britain's request for information on IRA contacts, arms shipments and

The United Nations applied sanctions against Libya for its failure to cooperate in investigations of sabotage on a Pan Am zirliner over Scotland in 1989 and a UTA zirliner over Niger in 1988. The bombings

Madrid Car Bomb Hits Navy Workers

MADRID (AP) - A car bomb believed set by Basque separatists exploded during the rush hour here Tuesday morning, wounding at least 10 navy personnel, a policeman and two civilians, hospital and government officials said.

The explosion went off as a van carrying navy personnel passed a supermarket parking lot in the northern residential section of the city, a

Officials blamed the separatist group ETA, or Basque Homeland and Liberty. The explosion followed by two days the announcement by French police that they had arrested four suspected ETA members in Paris and the French Basque region.

Cambodians Turn in Weapons to UN

SISOPHON, Cambodia (Reuters) -- Soldiers have begun handing over weaponry to the United Nations for the first time since a peace accord ended Cambodia's 13-year civil war.

A battalion of the Cambodian government army has handed over ammunition for heavy weapons as part of the peace plan, UN officers say. But wary soldiers are keeping their rifles and sidearms. More than 300 tons of munitions had been reportedly placed under quarantine at a heavily guarded camp now under UN control.

The exercise marks the start of the second phase of the accord signed in October by the Phnom Penh government and the three guernilla factions that fought to overthrow it. The plan calls for the contamment in special camps of the four armies and the disarmament and demobilization of

Lower House Gets Japan Troop Bill

TOKYO (NYT) - Only hours after parliament's upper house finally passed a bill permitting Japanese troops to take part in United Nations peacekeeping missions, the bitter battle moved to the lower house on Toesday, where it was engaged with shoving matches that underscored Japan's ambivalence about giving its military any role in world affairs.

The truculence of the Socialist and Communist Parties in resisting the

bill is now largely symbolic, since the governing Liberal Democratic Party has a healthy majority in the lower house. Its leaders said they intended to try for the final vote later this week despite roadblocks being thrown up by the opposition.

But the marathon struggle — spanning four days and three nights already — has made it clear that a major contribution involving Japanese troops will not come soon. To obtain the support of two centrist parties in the upper house. Liberal Democrats agreed to amendments that would complicate the Diet's voting to authorize the actual departure of troops

know this country better than most For the Record

Products of mixed marriages and President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya met President Frederik W. de Russian secular education, like Va-Klerk of South Africa in Cape Town on Tuesday, ending a 23-year African embargo on official visits to the white-ruled country. (Reuters) leri B. Akhadov, a movie maker who is half Tajik, feel caught be-

TRAVEL UPDATE

relatives. Tajik is spoken more and Israel has approved a rail link to the Red Sea resort of Eilat. The more in offices and schools. Some Finance and Transport ministries are to negotiate with foreign companies to lay the 200-kilometer (124-mile) track from Eilat to the existing line at Nahal Zin in the Negev. It is expected to cost \$200 million. (AFP)
A rail strike in Mozambique could paralyze traffic between the port of
Nacala and landlocked Malawi. About 1,000 railroad workers on strike are demanding 100 percent raises, the news agency AIM reported. (AFP)

> For the 5 million tourists who visit Singapore each year, the government has set up a one-stop complaint department at the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board. Now, when a shopkeeper sells a customer a video camera other than the one requested or an optician refuses to give a refund for defective contact lenses, chances are he will either have to exchange the goods or refund the money.

> All Nippon Airways, Japan's second-largest airline, said it would introduce a new system in November that will improve communications both for pilots and passengers who use telephones aboard its planes. The carrier said it will be the world's first multichannel satellite communications system for commercial aircraft.

said they were abandoning Mr. Mi-losevic, who is Serbia's president. Twelve Socialists in parliament said they would form the Social Democratic Party of Serbia. achievement at the summit meet-The rebel deputies said they had the support of at least 38 other ing a Russian official said of Police in Italy American aims, rather than accept Socialists, which would make their solid but incremental cutbacks. new party second in parliament. The Milosevic Socialists hold

Deal Fades

model for Central Asian develop-

Central Asia's other national-

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Kazakhs and Kirghiz, mostly stem-

ming from nomadie tribesman, did

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lamic study, as did Uzbekistan's

Now, with the new era in Tajiki-

stan and the rest of the region,

some Russians are leaving, and

many more are talking about it. But like Vladimir V. Chekan, a

city planner in Dushanbe, and his

wife, who have spent most of their

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States makes fewer sacrifices and

retains the submarine-launched

missiles that are at the heart of its

"The problem is a desire to make great leaps" toward a dramatic "The Russians are begging us to

allow them to reduce their forces," said Jack Mendelsohn, deputy di-rector of the Arms Control Associ-

ation, an unofficial group that closely follows U.S.-Russian negotiations. "It would be folly not to seize this opportunity by quibbling over an arcane issue of strategic Mr. Baker said in reporting on the talks, "I think there's a genuine

using incendiary rounds in an attempt to set ablaze a military inrecognition on the part of both countries that we ought to reduce stallation at Lukavac, in the Tuzla the levels of these weapons in light of the new political environment as That depot reportedly contains chlorine and other chemical-war-fare agents plus high explosives that could trigger a chemical reacsubstantially and as quickly as pos-He identified the timing and tion producing other highly poison-ous compounds, with unpredict-

"mix" of the cutbacks as the main points of difference, calling for reductions of "those weapons that are of the most destablizing namore damaging than the chlorine gas, whose lethal impact would depend largely on wind conditions and which would evaporate within fort to make the case for the c ture," such as the land-based multi-

Mr. Kosyrev, in an apparent effort to make the case for a practical a day. Mercury in the water supply compromise that can be announced next week by Mr. Bush and Mr. Yeltsin, said "the real question here retains its poisonous qualities even after it is consumed by animals and fish and, through this medium, huis not to turn the better into the enemy of the good."

While Western officials have not been able to reach the plant be- Moscow immediately after the cause of the fighting around it, they meetings here, emphasized that said that the remaining staff at Po- "we do not need those arms and we lihem had managed to store the are not going to use them against dangerous chemicals, mostly in the United States." The real challenge, Mr. Kozyrev

said, is "how we dismantle this war machine that has been created over the past 40 year," adding, "not to most modern facilities. But the strike the right balance of mutual whole place is shaking from incomthreats but rather to find a technically and economically feasible way of destroying the arsenals we On related issues, Mr. Baker said

the two sides have found "substantial common ground" on the creation of a ballistic missile early warning center in which other nations, as well as the United States LONDON - At least 38 miners and Russia, will be able to share information by computer in case of sion in a coal mine in the Lugansk a missile attack. The creation of such a center is likely to be formally announced during Mr. Yeltsin's

Mr. Baker said he and Mr. Ko-The Russian agency, monitored in London, said the accident oc-zyrev had worked out "a whole host curred while blasting was taking of agreements and understand-place. The bodies of 38 miners had ings" on subjects other than arms been brought to the surface, the control that would be addressed by of agreements and understand-ings" on subjects other than arms the two presidents next week.

Some Russians say Taiiks come up to them on the street and ask: "When are you going home?"

Seize 700 Mafia Suspects in Raids

ROME — The police swooped through Mafia strongholds across southern Italy on Tuesday and detained more than 700 people only hours after approval of a tough new anti-crime decree. Interior Minister Vincenzo

Scotti announced the raids at a news conference in Rome, where government officials illustrated the anti-Mafia package approved by the cabinet on Monday. Mr. Scotti said 151 people were detained in Sicily. The rest were

held in the southern mainland regions of Campania, Calabria and Puglia, where local versions of the Mafia are based. He said the detainees were

known Mafiosi "considered responsible for serious crimes." Most had been benefiting from

such bail or prison programs as house arrests, provisional liberty and temporary release, but under the decree Mafia suspects will be denied such benefits unless they cooperate with investigators.

HINDUJA Acknowledgement

The Hinduja family gratefully acknowledges the many triends and associates who kindly sent mesassociates who kindly sent mes-sages of sympathy on hearing of the disappearance on 13th May and the subsequent tragic death on 19th May of Dharam S. Hinduja, only son of Madhu and Srichand P. Hinduja.

Dharam, 22, was a chamming and accomplished young man, courte-ous, devoted and highly intelligent. He impressed everyone with his leadership qualities, and was highly inclined towards spiritual values. Dharam was the darling of the family and a great human being. This sudden loss leaves a void in our lives that will never be filled. There does not seem to be any purpose in what has happened. We can only attribute this great tragedy to the strange workings of late. Everything is in the hands of God

an we place our trust in Him. Dharam is sorely missed and deeply mourned. We have been most touched by the many letters of sympathy and the tributes to Dharam that we have received.



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Fading Family Farms: When It's Just Mom and Pop, Big Business Is Next in Line

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New York Times Service

WALNUT, Iowa - For three generations. the lessons of farming have been passed down in the fields here on Rural Route 1, where the Rogers family has planted corn every spring for nearly 100 years.

"I remember when horses plowed the fields," said Orris Rogers. "And my father and I would pick corn by hand."

But as Mr. Rogers, 67, prepares to retire, the family tradition is ending

His children, like a growing number of other young people from the farms, have followed careers far from the comfields. Unlike the forced sales of the 1980s, which

led to benefit concerts and movies about the farmer's plight, the situation of the Rogers family is evidence of a quieter exodus from the

The farmers who are selling land today are often making a handsome profit. But all the same, the movement is hastening the decline in the number of family farms and casting an ominous shadow on the little towns built

Since 1980 the number of farmers under the

age of 25 has dropped by half, while the number of those over 65 has held steady, a circumstance that could leave tens of thousands of farms in the next decade without anyone in the family to tend the fields.

When a small farm comes to the end of the family line, the land almost always goes to a bigger farmer with deep pockets and a powerful line of machinery who can work an extra few hundred acres with efficiency.

Even the Future Farmers of America has fewer future farmers. The organization for high school and college students has seen its membership shrink more than 20 percent since 1980, and just 25 percent of its members say they plan to go into farming, as against 41 percent a decade ago.

About half plan to work in jobs that relate to farming, but 27 percent say they will leave agriculture altogether, up from 5 percent in

In most cases, the link between generations is being broken by an economic transformation in U.S. agriculture that makes it impossible for the average grain farm of 400 acres (160 hectares) to support more than one family or generation

So with parents still working the fields, the heirs must leave the farm after high school or were sold when Mr. Rogers turned 65. college. Years later, when the time comes for the parents to retire, their children have settled lives elsewhere.

Even for those who want to return to the fields, the move toward bigger and bigger farms often poses another insurmountable burdle. A beginning farmer often oceds to iovest \$200,000 in start-up costs for equipment and

Even on farms with room for one more generation, the experience of the calamitous 1980s, when foreclosures hit farm country like hailstones, has soured many young people on a way of life that offers so little security in return for so much hard work.

"Some of them don't want to experience what they grew up with," said Eddie Smith, the Oklahoma director of agriculture education. In other cases, the parents are telling the kids not to come back to the farm."

Mr. Rogers and his wife own 350 acres of corn and soybean fields along nameless gravel roads at the edge of Pottawattamie County in southwestern lowa. Hogs were a mainstay of

Their son and daughter left lown long ago Their grandsons, who are in their early 20s, have lived in many places, but never on a farm. So the tending of these fields will pass from the

"Farming isn't a way of life anymore, but a big business," Mr. Rogers said recently before firing up the corn planting machine. "You're kidding yourself if you try to think otherwise. And you're probably going to go down the

In a market sense, the nation simply does not need as many farmers as it once did. Using sophisticated machinery and powerful chemi-cals, a farmer can produce 120 bushels of corn an acre, twice the yield of 1960.

For consumers, increased efficiency has meant lower costs for food. But when inflation is taken into account, it also means a farmer makes less on his crop and needs to work twice as many acres to survive, which has driven the trend toward larger agricultural businesses.

As a consequence, smaller farms become sumed by bigger ones, a trend that shows no sign of abating. For farmers, the message is clear: Get big or get out, And many young people from farm backgrounds have no choice turbing cultural and social ramifications in rubut to leave the fields.

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Mark Timm, a freshman at Purdue University who was the National Future Farmers of merica president last year, will not be returning to the family's wheat and soybean farm in Indiana. Instead, be plans to work in an office job in an agricultural company.

"At this point, that's the most feasible thing for someone my age," he said. "To go back into production agriculture, you'd have to get some breaks along the line."

In an effort to stem the loss of smaller farms. the lowa Agriculture Department has started to match beginning farmers with those who plan

The Center for Rural Affairs, an advocacy group in Walthill, Nebraska, has a similar program. The efforts aim to produce agreements that will allow young people to take over farms without buge investments.

"A lot of farmers who have spent 30 or 40 years of their lives on a farm don't want to see it simply buildozed and made into a part of a larger operation," said a lawyer helping the

turbing cultural and social ramifications in rural regions, as fewer and fewer people control

vast land holdings. The emergence of huge farms has also troubled environmentalists, who worry that those operations' heavy pesticide use and giant ma-

chinery are damaging the land. "If you've traveled the farm country, you've seen those large fertilizer rigs moving across the field at 30 miles an hour," said Al Prosch, a former farmer who works for the Center for Rural Affairs. "No one can caretake at that rate of speed and do anything more than a marginal

And as one farmer replaces three, many of the small communities that depend on trade with farmers have shriveled. Some rural experts say that for every five or six farmers who leavethe land, a business on Main Street closes its'

"This raises concerns that go well beyond the farm gate," said Paul Lasley, a sociologist at Iowa State University. "It represents a changein the opportunity structure of America."

AMERICAN TOPICS

High Court Strikes **Blow for Consumers**

In a victory for consumers, the Supreme Court has ruled that manufacturers may be sued for antitrust violations if they try to force owners of their products to buy spare parts and service from them. The 6-to-3 decision came in a dispute between Eastman Kodak, which makes high-priced photo copiers, and independent dealers who compete to repair those CODICES.

The justices rebuffed an effort by major manufacturers and the Bush administration to shield the companies from charges that they tried to monopolize the parts and service for their products.

The Kodak lawyers had arened that manufacturing distribution and servicing of a product were all one market. But Justice Harry A. Blackmun declared that service is a distinct market where competition must be preserved. Dissenting, Justice Antonin Scalia argued that a "rational consumer" will consider the price of service and spare parts before buying.

Slings and Arrows Of Working in Public

Heckling is an occupational hazard for actors, athletes and politicians. Most athletes ignore hecklers, although Albert Belle, of baseball's Cleveland Indians, rifled a baseball into a

Actors and politicians, working at closer quarters, often find hecklers impossible to ignore. Former Senator Edmund S.

Muskie of Maine would invite hecklers up on the stage to de-

Not a bad strategy, Mark Goulston, a psychiatrist, told the Los Angeles Times; Hecklers often have only complaints to offer. Hand them a microphone, ask for solutions and they are goners. Nightclub comics are doubly

at risk, being at close quarters with people who have been

The first line of defense is wit. Rejoinders like "When your IQ gets to 80, sell," usually muzzle most pests.

But "when they're too drunk or too mean to care that you're making a fool of them," says one comic, Richard Jeni, "it's ssary to have a large man named Bruno explain proper nightclub behavior to them."

Arthur Highee



Raoni, an Indian chief from Brazil, speaking in Rio as part of an indigenous peoples' conference intended to parallel the Earth Summit.

At Rio, Realism Replaces Idealism of '72

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

RIO DE JANEIRO - The representatives of 178 countries gathered here for the Earth Summit confront a far more sobering task than did the intellectual and political predecessors who, in a landmark meeting, gathered in Stock-holm 20 years ago last week and put the cause of the environment on the world's formal agen-

In those palmy save-the-whales years, full of hope and idealism, the delegates to the UN Environment Conference in Sweden asserted confidently that "the capability of man to improve the environment increases with each

Here, the optimism of 1972 has been replaced by a hard realism. The delegates in Rio have discovered how hard it is for nations to unite on fundamental environmental problems facing them.

Differences between the rich countries of the industrialized world and the poor ones of the developing world, for instance, threatened the Earth Summit with its first big, clear-cut failure as talks on a statement of principles for managing the world's forests seemed headed toward an inconclusive result.

The rich nations had hoped that the Earth Summit would produce a call for a treaty on protection of forests to be negotiated after the talks in Rio. But that hope appeared doomed,

delegates and official observers said Monday, and it seemed highly possible that no statement at all would emerge.

The difficulties are also reflected in the isolation of the United States, the world's biggest environmental actor, on the meeting's big issues of biodiversity and climate change.

countries will sign a treaty strengthening the world's efforts to protect living species, leaving the United States as the major dissenter. The United States agrees with the treaty's

It appears that all the other industrialized

provisions on protection of species as such, but demurs oo grounds of finances and intellectual property rights.

Other rich countries share the objections, but say that it is important to get the treaty in force. It can be modified after it is ratified, they say. And the argument between the United States

and Europe over whether to adopt specific targets and timetables for stabilizing emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, which were thought to have been resolved when a treaty aimed at controlling the gases was negotiated in New York last month, has carried over to the

The Europeans wish to see the treaty altered soon after it goes into effect so as to include the specific targets and timetables. The United States disagrees, saying that the threat of warming is not yet scientifically clear enough to move

that far just yet. The Europeans say it is clear enough to them.

The tougher job of the Rio delegates stems from two underlying causes: the environmental problem itself has worsened since Stockholm, and the world has grown more serious about dealing with it. Human activity has continued to put relent-

less pressure on the biosphere, the Earth's life support system, in the last 20 years. Between Stockholm and Rio, population has grown by more than 40 percent, or more than 1.5 billion. New scientific measurements have limned

the fragile character of the biosphere, as emphasized by the depletion of the Earth's protective ozone shield, far more clearly than the Stockholm conferees could have known preciated.

The delegates in Rio are far more aware of the prospect of climate change, given that emissions of carbon dioxide, the heat-trapping gas that scientists fear will cause global warming, have grown by 35 percent over the two decades. Moreover, the Rio negotiators are grappling with the problem of "sustainable development" how to serve the economic needs of the world without damaging the biosphere and its vital resources and thereby compromising the

well-being of future generations.

The concept had barely germinated in Stock-holm, but now, as thinking has evolved over the last two decades, it has acquired a sort of

The official who made the com-

ments on Japan and Germany was

invited to come to microphones

outside the White House to repeat

After the White House chief of

staff, Samuel K. Skinner, first indi-

cated the official might come, re-porters flocked outside. However,

Instead, Mr. Grady appeared be-

Asked about the pointed com-ments on U.S. allies, Mr. Grady

his accusations.

he failed to show up.

fore the microphones.

would say only:

in the world."

Quayle, in Defense Of 'Moral Values,' Blasts 'Media Elite'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches INDIANAPOLIS - Picking up

that he welcomes, and a wave of criticism that he said he happily

"Moral values are what the American people care most about," he said. "This is what I say about the scorn of the media elite. I wear their scorn as a badge of honor." "The cultural elite believes all

lifestyles are equal," he added. "They think fathers are dispensable and parents don't have to be married or even of the opposite sex. They are wrong." The remark drew one of several

standing ovations from the Baptists, the largest U.S. Protestant denomination.

Mr. Quayle said most Americans agreed with him, that the strength of the natioo lay in faith, family and freedom. And he attacked what he called the clite in the press, Hollywood and academia, who he said exhibited a "moral cynicism" about social problems.

"The elite's culture is a guilt-free culture," Mr. Quayle said. "They believe in the right to dispose of

life. We believe in the right to life." "It is time we join together to speak up for family, for values and principles that made America

Clinton Works

The TV Phones

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Governor Bill Clinton, stepping up his campaign through television, on Tnesday challenged President George Bush and Ross Perot to meet him in a debate every week between now and the general election.

Although neither candidate is likely to accept, the suggestion was an example of the Arkansas governor's strategy to dull some of Mr. Perot's bipartisan allure by engag-ing him on the turf he has staked claim to — live television.

Mr. Clinton's forum Tuesday was the NBC program "Today," the first of whose two hours was a question-and-answer call-in with Mr. Clinton. Callers asked the Democracie nominee about deficit reduction, nuclear-weapons test-ing, gay rights and health care for veterans and the elderly.

I practically dropped the coffee

She was born in Beverly, the daughter of Henry F. Sears, a doctor, and grew up partly in France. Her schooling as a child came largely from tutors.

Ross Perot, the mayors of five ma-jor cities had nothing but praise for candidate for the presidency of these United States." the would-be independent presidential candidate. The mayors, four Democrats and

5 Mayors Are Impressed

By 'Dynamism' of Perot

one independent, spent two hours with Mr. Perot pleading for help with the problems of urban America. When they presented a seven-point, \$34.8 billion program for re-vitalizing eities — the same program that President George Bush has ignored and Bill Clinton, the Democratic frontrumer, has only partially embraced - Mr.

Washington Post Service
DALLAS — After meeting with

Perot asked them back for a twoday meeting to study the plan.

The mayors responded Monday by speaking of Mr. Perot in terms rarely lavished on outsiders: "intelligent," "knowledgeable" and "so-tious." Mayor Xavier Suarez of Miami, an independent who strongly supported Mr. Bush in 1988, pronounced Mr. Perot "singularly de-yord of prejudice," and Maureen O'Connor of San Diego said be

eemed "committed to women" and minorities. The rioting in Los Angeles was discussed at length, and Mr. Perot promised that the fate of the cities would be his top priority as presi-

ta Air Lines fired another salvo by

lowering trans-Atlantic fares up to

45 percent in a move that mainly

The fares, which became avail-

able Tuesday, apply on full coach, business and first-class seats on

round-trip flights from the conti-

nental United States to any of Del-

ta's 36 trans-Atlantic destinations.

Advance-purchase fares, used

Continental Airlines said it

would match Delta fares from most

of its domestic markets to the five

European cities where the two car-

tiers compete: London, Paris,

United Airlines announced a

similar move while American Air-

lines said it was considering its re-

In Atlanta, a spokesman for Delin said the lower fares were avail-

able only to U.S. residents who buy

the tickets in the United States. He

said international agreements pre-

Frankfurt, Munich and Madrid.

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affects business travelers.

ing, dynamic person today," said Mayor Sharpe James of Newark. "He is a threat to the two-party system," adding "We met a real

The meeting was organized at Mr. Perot's request by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the conference president, Raymond L. Flynn, of Boston, led the delegation. Mayor Michael White of Cleveland also attended and said he was impressed by Mr. Perot's willingness to "face us," while Mr. Bush would not

None of the five endorsed Mr. Perot, but they all gave his bur-geoming, undeclared candidacy their seal of political seriousness.

The purpose of the meeting was not simply to bolster Mr. Perot, however. Mr. Flynn said he hoped it would persuade the White House to invite the mayors for a session with Mr. Bush. The panel criticized Mr. Bush and former President Ronald Reagan for ignoring the problems of cities for more than a

Mr. Perot, they said, agreed that many of the United States' fundamental problems - crime, education, health and unemployment could be addressed by rebuilding the job base in the cities.

RIO: Defending Record, U.S. Lashes Back at 'Politically Correct' Critics

(Continued from page 1)

Howard, Britain's secretary of state for the environment, announced his country's decision, saying Prime Minister John Major would sign the treaty on Friday.

Mr. Howard said Britain had held off making a decision because of concerns about financing provisions in the treaty. But, he said, Britain had found a way of overcoming the difficulties.

Earlier, the Community issued a

statement interpreting a hard-ne-gotiated pact on global warming as committing all signatories of the convention to reducing emissions of carbon dioxide by the year 2000.
The Community called on other industrialized nations to join it. The United States, under pres-sure from industry lobbyists and

concerned about the impact of strict limits on its overall economy. had fought hard in treaty talks to include other greenhouse gases and to include the ECs proposal as only a general goal. Many scientists are concerned

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mulating in the upper atmosphere, raising the Earth's temperature in much the same way a greenhouse

bon dioxide and methane are accu-

U.S. allies were backing measures spurned by Washington, replied: The first is the guilty devel-oped-world logic, which runs throughout a lot of the rhetoric and runs throughout people's action.

"Some people feel that the countries that are wealthier, that have grown more, owe the rest of the world. Some developed countries are more suscepoble to this. You see it particularly in the case of Germany and to a certain degree Japan, and that's not altogether accidental because this is one area in which they can engage in international decision-making in a politi-

cally correct fashion." Japan and Germany have both favored providing financial aid to the developing world, while Washington has shown only limited support as it struggles with its budget

In Rio, the chief EC delegate Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, denied that the Community's move was an attempt to snub Washington. "We're not talking about a confrontation with the United States,'

The associate budget director, Robert Grady, who oversees environmental policy at the White House, tried to explain why the In Washington, the senior Bush Bush administration had become stration official, asked why such a lightning rod for criticism.

"It may be that our presentation discuss the trip, including a side and rhetoric have been inferior to trip to Panama the pres making on his way to Rio. Ground other countries, but our actions rules prevented them from being identified by name. have been superior," Mr. Grady

"If you do look at the record, it is our contention that the United States has nothing in fact to be apologetic for because we have the most advanced environmental record in the world," he said. A U.S. delegation spokesman in

Rio defended Washington's posidons at the conference, particu when asked what Mr. Bush was going to do when he arrives here late Thursday. "If I were Bush, I would stand

with great pride on the U.S. envi-ronmental record," said the spokesman, Mike Young.
The United States has been

widely criticized for weakening an accord on world climate and for refusing to sign a biodiversity agreement to protect plants and imals from extinction. The White House presented

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lost its moral values, it would cease on his criticism of the television program "Murphy Brown," Vice President Dan Quayle urged Amer-On Monday, the execuove committee of the 15.2 million-member icans on Tuesday to stand up for traditional family values and ig-nore the scorn of a "cultural elite" church, the naoon's largest Protestant denomination, took on the issne of homosexuality and the church. The panel condemned two rooted in Hollywood and the media that be said was corrupting moral North Carolina eburches for condoning homosexuality and proposed severing ries with them and any others that do the same. Speaking to 17,500 people at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mr. Quayle built on The committee asked delegates the message of his recent criticism at the church's convention to of the TV character Murphy Brown amend the constitution to bar congregations that "affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior." for bearing a child out of wedlock. Those remarks touched off a na-Such a move would represent a tionwide discussion of moral values

departure from the denomination's historie emphasis on the antonomy of its congregations.

In advance of Mr. Quayle's visit to his home state, the executive committee had also weighed in on the Murphy Brown debate. The panel praised Mr. Quayle for his forthright statement on the sanctity of marriage" and said that Southern Baptists also had voiced

dismay "at the sort of television

immorality and amorality" that

Mr. Quayle criticized.

Emily Clark, **Cabot Lodge** Widow, Dies

Emily Sears Lodge Clark, 86, the widow of Henry Cabot Lodge, the U.S. senator and Republican vice presidential nominee in 1960, died of lung cancer on Saturday in her home in Beverly, Massachusetts. Mrs. Clark was married to For-

rester A. Clark, a retired invest-ment banker, in 1987, two years after Mr. Lodge died. Emily Lodge was well known for

her graciousness as she fulfilled the duties of the traditional consort's role during Mr. Lodge's long public career, and for her screnity. Nonetheless, when the Lodges got the news that Vice President Richard Nixon had chosen him as his running mate in his campaign for president in 1960, she later reported, "Cabot was very calm about it, but

She won praise from Joho Ma son Brown, a writer and lecturer of that day. "Every man in politics should marry an Emily Lodge," Mr. Brown once said. "She is the warmest, nicest person you can imagine with a great dignity and incredible enthusiasm. She has a swift mind; she loves music, painting and reads everything."



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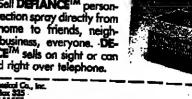
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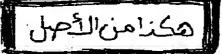
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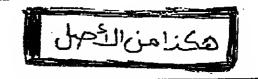
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HURRY UP AND WAIT — After two weeks of being locked inside the Gaza Strip, Palestinians eager for work waited Tuesday for job perurits or new employment opportunities in Israel, more difficult to get since a Gaza man killed an Israeli girl. Israeli employers blocked roads in the Gaza Strip to protest the rules. The Defense Ministry said the rules would be relaxed Wednesday morning.

Slain PLO Aide Was to Meet Paris Official

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS — A top security official of the Palestine Liberation Organization who was shot to death here early Monday, had come to France for an appointment with a high official of the French secret service, according to PLO officials in Tu-

Atef Bseiso, who was shot while returning by car to his Left Bank hotel after a late dinner, had been greeted upon arrival in France hy two agents of the service, the PLO officials said.

They added that be was in France "on an official mission" with the knowledge of French authorities.

The officials said that Mr. Bseiso, who was 44 and had beld the post of director of external security, was shot by a team composed of at least two groups of men, some of whom waited in a getaway car near the entrance to the Méridien Montparnasse.

According to people involved in the investigation and a witness who asked for anonymity, one of the two men who attacked Mr. Bseiso pushed him against his car as he got out and the other shot him several times in the oeck and chest.

The witness said that the men

had bags connected to their guns to hold ejected bullet casings, leaving

oo evidence at the scene. The PLO officials, who belong to the same security apparatus as Mr. Bseiso, said they suspected that in-formation about Mr. Bseiso's arrival in France from Berlin, and his plans for that night, had been eaked by members of the French

secret service to his killers. Virtually all PLO officials interviewed Tuesday dismissed the ootion that Mr. Bseiso was killed by agents of the renegade Abu Nidal terrorist group, which murdered his superior, Salah Khalef, in January 1991 in Tonis.

Since then, the intelligence and security functions of the Palestine Liberation Organization have been handled by its chairman, Yasser Arafat, for whom Mr. Bseiso acted as deputy in security matters.

The speculation about the role of the Abu Nidal organization was advanced by French officials. Bot in Beirut, a spokesman for that group denied responsibility. "The operation was carried out

six hours after Atel arrived in Para high PLO security official said in an interview. "The speed with which exact information of his whereabouts was gotten, and the cheron, Chaumet, degree of professionalism with Cleef and Arpels.

which it was carried out, demands a logistical support system that extremist organizations simply do oot abroad.

Mossad is Israel's intelligence and security branch for operations abroad. possess.

PLO officials added that the Abu Nidal terrorists were besieged in their hideouts in Libya and Lebanoo and were in oo position to organize any significant and complicated terrorist operation any-

"We are sure it is a Mossad operation, and we are unfortunately also sure they received their information from their contacts inside the French intelligence community, with whom they have close ties," a PLO official asserted.

Jewel Robbery at Paris Ritz

The Associated Press PARIS — Five thieves smashed open a display window in the Ritz Hotel with baseball bats and hammers and made off with jewels valned at more than \$1 million, the police said Tuesday. They said the thieves overpowered a concierge Monday and took jewels on display from five of France's best-known jewelcrs — Mauboussin, Bou-cheron, Chaumet, Cartier, and Van

PLO officials said Mr. Bseiso drove to Paris from Berlin, where he had been on a mission as part of a broad reorganization of the the organization's intelligence network in Western Europe.

They said be had called his contacts in French intelligence a few hours before setting off from Germany and that an appointment had been made for him to meet a senior official of the French secret ser-

Paris officials confirmed that Mr. Bseiso, who visited France secretly several times before, had been in regular contact with offi-cials of the DST and the DGSF, the internal and external arms of French secret services. They said he had arrived in France with their

PLO officials said Mr. Bsciso was greeted upon his arrival at the Méridien Montparnasse by two officials of the secret services, who informed him that his appointment with the unidentified high official had been set for Monday at 10

French officials confirmed this.

Cairo Writer Who Mocked Extremists Is Killed

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

CAIRO — Farag Foda, an Egyptian writer who denounced and mocked Muslim fundamentalists, was shot by two masked men on a motorcycle on Monday evening and died in a hospital on Tuesday.

One of the two attackers was captured. The Interior Ministry said he was Abdel-Shafei Ahmed Ramadan of Cairo, a member of Jihad, the underground Muslim group that as-sassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

The newspaper Al Ahram reported that Mr. Ahmed said his group had decided a month ago to start killing secular figures.

MECCA, Saudi Arabia - About 2 million Muslims crowded the holy city of Mecca on Tuesday for the annual haji pilgrimage, and officials and pilgrims say the holy days are

But reports from Iraq and Iran complained

Saudi officials said a million pilgrims who flocked to Saudi Arabia from abroad would be

joined by another million Saudi residents at

daybreak Wednesday for the high point of the

haji, a mass prayer on the slopes of Mount Arafat just outside Mecca.

Officials and pilgrims questioned in the streets of Mecca described this year's pilgrim-

that their pilgrims had been mistreated.

proceeding without incident,

Mr. Foda, 49, was shot while getting into his car outside his office in Cairo's Nasr City. His 15-year-old son and a companion were wound-

A few hours earlier, he had announced plans to form a movement to unite Egyptians of all

A professor of agriculture, Mr. Foda wrote a weekly column for the magazine October and

strongly opposed Islamic extremism. His last article, published Sunday, said the Tunisian government had videotaped funda-mentalist leaders having sex with women on

Mecca Appears Peaceful, but Not to Iraq and Iran

age as free of trouble, with conditions improved under a \$5 billion Sandi plan to expand and

The only problems appeared to be the usual

overcrowding and temperatures that ranged up to 42 degrees centigrade (107 degrees Fahren-

An official in Bahgdad said more than 10

Iraqi pilgrims had died because of Saudi mis-

treatment, and he accused Saudi security forces

The Iraqi religious affairs minister, Abdullah

Mr. Fadhel said the pilgrims died in a desert

Fadhel, said his country held Saudi King Fahd personally responsible for the alleged killing of

of molesting women making the pilgrimage.

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sex," he wrote, ridiculing a militant group in Assiut, southern Egypt, for banning eggplants and marrows because of supposed sexual con-

"I feel very sorry for them. Unemployment, the housing crisis, high marriage costs and sexual impulses give them no rest."

Mr. Foda had also published bouks about the Muslim Brotherhood, secularism, terrorism and the rightist New Wafd Party, of which he

camp near the Saudi city of Medina because the

authorities left them without food and water for five days. They were forbidden to leave the

Several radical newspapers in Iran accused Saudi security forces of treating Iranian pil-

the Iraqi allegations, but Saudi Arabia strongly

denied the press allegations that Saudi forces

have been treating Iranian pilgrims in "anti-

constitutes vain attempts to undermine efforts aimed at improving relations between the Saudi kingdom and Iran," an official Saudi spokesman said.

(AFP, Reuters)

"Such information is totally unfounded and

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try after almost 27 years in power. The early tally showed the governing Golkar alliance well ahead in every province, with nearly 83 percent after 5 percent of the vote had been counted. That compared with the 73 percent, along with all 27 provinces, that the party won in the 1987 election.

"A vote for Golkar is a vote for Subarto," Interior Minister Rudini said after announcing the first count at national election committee headquarters.

The two opposition parties the populist Indonesian Democratic Party and the Muslim-based United Development Party — shared what was left about equally.

The elections pose no threat to Mr. Suharto's rule. They were seen by critics as a contrived ritual and by supporters as good practice for the eventual return to true civilian

of retired generals, former minis ters and religious leaders, said: "What's the point of voting? Political parties are just like a bonsai tree. They may be green and beautiful but they have oever been allowed to become big."

repeatedly irged Mr. Suharto to step down, accusing him of suppressing democracy and of nepotism, citing the business empires of At the national level, the three

government-recognized parties were competing for 400 parliamentary seats. An additional 100 parliamentary seats are directly allotted to the military, who according to the law do not vote in elections.

Mr. Suharto rose to power with the backing of the military in 1965 after he crushed an abortive leftist coup. While there are signs of discontent and disillusion with his rule, no one has appeared as an obvious successor.

During the election campaign the opposition repeatedly criticized Suharto's tight grip on political life. Both opposition parties complained of intimidation and vio-lence against their supporters and



Civil servants of the governor's office in Jakarta waiting in line to cast hallots Tuesday in Indonesia's parliamentary elections.

also expressed doubts over whether the election would be fair.

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Tuesday, Mr. Suharto said: "I saw ed streets were almost deserted, lining up to vote at some 10,000 witnesses at the polling stations.

Mr. Suharto, who turned 71 on Monday, is widely expected to run for a sixth five-year term next March, but has yet to announce his (Reuters, AFP, AP)

(Continued from page 1)

those questioned in the poll were asked if the the hypothetical candidate.

Mr. Peror's current backers, said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who said he would not appoint homosexuals or people who had had extra-marital affairs to his cabinet, something Mr. Perot suggested recently.

Sixty-five percent of the public, and 53 percent of Mr. Perot's supporters, said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who "made a fortune doing business with the federal government." Mr. Perot's wealth was built initially on Electronic Data Systems Corp., which supplied computer services to federal and state agencies.

Roughly half of the respondents and half of Mr. Perot's supporters also said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who had contributed to Richard his company and its employees.

from Wednesday through Sunday, also suggested that

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because of Mr. Perot's own appeal. Half of Mr. Perot's backers said they supported him because they liked him and not simply because they opposed the other

In a three-way race, Mr. Perot, who is expected to seek the presidency as an independent, was the choice ters. If you don't obey your father of 36 percent of registered voters to 30 percent for Mr. and teachers, I don't recognize you Bush and 26 percent for Mr. Clinton, who has clinched the Democratic nomination. Among likely voters, Mr. Perot rises to 38 percent, while the percentages for Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton stay the same. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Because Mr. Perot is beginning to win an edge from voters on what had been Mr. Clinton's best issues, such as unemployment, and because he is emerging as the main beneficiary of anti-Bush sentiment, the poll geests that Mr. Perot is now hurting Mr. Clinton much more than Mr. Bush.

When Mr. Perot's current supporters were asked. They are even more practical than whom they would vote for were Mr. Perot not to run, pragmatists. They expect politi-Nixon's campaigns and who had supported the Viet-nam War. Mr. Perot enthusiastically supported the war and indirectly, at least, aided Mr. Nixon through
4 percent among registered voters to 40 percent for 44 percent among registered voters to 40 percent for Mr. Bush.

While Mr. Bush leads Mr. Perot comfortably among Republicans, 59 percent to 29 percent, Mr. Clinton Mr. Perot has begun to build a loyal following and that many voters are backing him not only because of their opposition to Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton, but also Mr. Perot by a large margin.

Stringgle by noble Communists among Democrats. Self-identified independents back against American puppets but as bitter savagery between brothers,

But Many Voices

In Hanoi, One Party

By Henry Kamm

New York Times Service

of expressed views, people in Hanoi

They engage visitors in conversa-

tion in the streets, eager to practice

colonial architecture.

nam since 1954.

Communist Party.

said in the melodious French of the

old Indochina. "When I was a boy,

he sent me letters, very severe let-

as my grandson, he wrote. His

strictness shocked me. But later I

learned that he had mistresses in

every town."

"This is just like the party speeches," he added. "People laugh at them. With my friends, whenev-

er somebody mentions the differ-

ences between what we say and

what we practice, all we can do is

burst out laughing. The people in the countryside feel the same way.

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of a foreign superpower.
The novel, The Sorrow of War, HANOI - Old-guard Commuwon the Writers Association's nanists still wield power here in what tional prize last year despite critiremains a sternly ruled one-party cism of its determinedly nonheroic capital. Red banners proclaiming character. The author, whose resifidelity to the legacy of the late President Ho Chi Minh are strung name is Hoang Phuong, was spared personal attack largely because in across the streets of this city of the novel he drew on his own expetraditional Vietnamese and French rience, Drafted in 1971 at the age of 19, he rose to the rank of corporal But after decades of reticence and took part in combat toward foreigners and uniformity

"There was bitterness," Bao Ninh said. "True, the Americans now speak in many and varied were fierce with their bombs and sophisticated weapons. And the latter part of the war took on the dark color of civil war." their English, which young and old

"But today we feel no haired are earnestly studying as the key to a better future. And, in a practice toward the Americans - that is the truth," he said.

unthinkable until recently, they in-We soldiers from the North feel vite foreigners to their apartments sad today," Bao Ninh added, "We and disclose views that belie the struggled for the liberation of the image of single-minded heroism whole nation, but we achieved the and austerity cultivated onder poverty of the whole nation. We Communist rule in northern Vietfeel sorry for the southerners who had to become boat people, and for A scholar in his 60s, who fought the nation that has become tat-tered, and the soldiers from the nst the French in the 1940s and has been a Communist Party member since then, laughed when asked South that could find no work. We feel sorry for those who spent years how people squared Vietnam's new in re-education camps."

enthusiasm for capitalism with Bao Ninh and his father, Hoang equally ringing affirmations, an-chored in the constitution revised Tue, a linguistics scholar, disagrewith the official view that the this year, of the leading role of the North's victory was a triumph of "It reminds me of my grandfather, a very strict mandarin," he

"It was a victory of the national. spirit," the son said. "The soldiers' feeling was that the Saigon army belonged to the Americans. Our aim was not to smash them to bits but to gain victory for peace. The simple soldier never thought of

Bao Ninh, who after the war served in a unit that gathered the remains of fallen North Vietnamese soldiers, spoke sympathetically of the desire of American families to retrieve the remains of those still missing in Vietnam. But father and son condemned what they called the political use of the issue in the United States to delay normalization of relations with Vietnam.

The son spoke feelingly of the Vietnamese families who do not cians to make speeches they don't know if or where their sons or has-Bao Ninh, 40, is the author of a bands were buried. best-selling povel that for the first

"Our government is so poor," he: said. "We would like to demand that Vietnamese mothers, too, can go to burn incense sticks on their sons' graves. But we know the gov-

OUEEN: A Throne Under Siege Carries On, Regally PEROT: Poll Data Suggest His Support Is Not Hard

Princess of Wales has not co-operated with the book, Buckingham Palace continues to stand aloof.

Queen Elizabeth's ability to rise majestically above events is not just a performance turned on for her French hosts. It is part of the bit-and-bridle training of royalty from birth. Breaking in Diana, who came in from the outside, seems instead to have broken the

But would a separation or divorce by the royal comple really cause an immediate crisis for the British monarchy? Oueen Elizabeth seems hale and hearty for her 66 years, and she has already announced that she will not be moving over to let Charles have a go. Her own mother, the much-loved Queen Mum, is 91, and her ancestor Queen Victoria reigned for more than 60 years. Ten or 20 years — or more — is a long time to keep tabloid readers' interest up. Yet, there is a stirring of discontent in England and

not just among people with serious republican leanings. A wider public increasingly asks why the queen of England should be exempt from paying tax on her private fortune, and why her extended family should be on the public payroll. The antics of the younger royals do not really shock. What grates is that "Fergie," the Duchess of York, appeared to grab what she could get when she joined the royal family and will get

Queen Elizabeth has been painstakingly dutiful and so careful with her money that, while her race horses at mild threat of extinction.

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stud may have heated stables, she famously makes do with a small space heater. She may have worn spanking new two-tone shoes for the Paris visit and carried a new matching version of the ever-present handbag, but these are aberrations in her stolid style.

Yet, people are starting to examine the reality behind this frugal image and counting the untaxed wealth amassed during the 40-year reign. In a country with a growing underclass, even unvaunted riches are a contentious subject, and Queen Elizabeth may not be able to hold out forever against paying up.

The most public royal marriage in history has already produced the statutory "heir and spare" — Prince William, 10 this month, and his brother Harry,

Over the last 11 years, during what the royal-watchers dubbed the "Diana Decade," the view has grown that Queen Elizabeth will carry on regardless, but that the caring and charismatic Princess of Wales would keep the whole show on the road. Prince Charles, while admired for his stand on issues such as urban regeneration, architecture and ecology, is seen as a stuffy, worthy, even tetchy, character lacking the common touch.

If Diana were to distance herself from public duties - and her diary is reportedly clear after August that would create a hole in the protective layer surrounding the royal family and make it, not for the first time in its long and turbulent history, a species under

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In 'Wozzeck,' a Promise Kept

By David Stevens

ARIS - Climaxing a bold musical season spent largely navigating through the first half of this century. including no less than seven staged opera programs, the Theatre dn Chatelet is winding up brillianily with a new production of Alban Berg's "Wozzeck" that amply lives up to the promise of having Daniel Barenboim and Patrice Cherean in charge.

As a musical-theatrical event it has to compete in very recent memory with this season's stagings of Debussy's "Pelleas et Melisande" (Pierre Boulez-Peter Stein) and Rerg's "Lulu" (Jeffrey Tate-Adolf Dresen), both at the Chatelet. And many in the public remember the historic "Wozzeck" almost 29 years ago at the Paris Opera, with Roulez conducting, Jean-Louis Barranit staging and André Masson as

But even in 1963, 38 years after its Berlin premiere, "Wozzeck" was still being presented with missionary zeal, to convince and convert. Now it is the full possession of a new generation of musicians and operagoers who approach it in that sense. Even though the work's complexities and difficulties have hardly recoded with time, it is in the mainstream without having lost any of its power of compassion sensel. compassion, social protest or even as a musical-clinical study of criminal behavior.

Thus Chereau presents a staging based on an intense, psychologically detailed reading of the text and music, bypassing most of Berg's detailed stage instructions. Under Barenboim's musical direction, the once stark modernity of the score is absorbed in Berg's lyricism and the continuity of his links with late romanticism. Although more used to the concert platform than the theater pit, the Orchestre de Paris, Barenboim's orchestra for 14 seasons, has rarely sounded so sure of

This "Wozzeck" is played out largely in the open. Richard Peduzzi's sliding sets are like toy buildings and barracks-like cubes, suggestive of a provincial 19th-century garrison town. But they stay in the background, while Moidele Bickel's anonymous uniforms addyo a generalized feeling of time and place,

vaguely that of Georg Blichner's play frag-ment of the 1830s that Berg used for his work. The playing areas are spatially shaped mainly by Dominique Brugniere's precise and nuanced lighting.

In this physical context, Cherean shapes the mounting catastrophe almost entirely through detailed, psychologically telling body language — splendidly executed by the excellent east. It tells you all you need to know about this collection of semi-demented tormenters in their confrontations with Wozzeck and each other.

The staging begins with the house lights still up. The Captain and Wozzeck enter from and cross a bridge to the open stage. The Captain has apparently already



Franz Grundheber as Wozzeck, left, and Günter von Kannen.

moralizing harangue, while circling the un-comprehending Wozzeck sinuously and ro-

In the second scene, Wozzeck and Andres are not in an open field collecting wood, but sweeping an expanse of floor with push brooms - just as suitable a place for Wezzeck's first ballucinations. One of the brooms reappears in the final scene as the hobbyhorse for Wezzeck's now-orphaned child.

And so it goes, swiftly, the work's 95-or-so minutes played without intermission and no more break between scenes than Berg's interludes demand. Curtains of light fabric float down from the flies, then are swept back up or off to the side, more like a cinematic fadeout than a curtain. One of them is used to simulate the water as Wozzeck drowns trying to recover the knife he used to kill his unfaithful Marie. At the end, the house lights come back up as the music is still sounding.

In its headlong rush to catastrophe and its vivid action, this also was reminiscent of one of Chereau's earliest stagings, of Lenz's "Die Soldaten," a writer and play of close aesthetic

affinities to Büchner and this work.

The revelation of the premiere was the mezzo soprano Waltraud Meier, an experienced Wagnerian singing Marie for the first time, but with utter security dramatically and musically - this in a part that few sopranos manage without some shricking. Franz Grundheber's Wozzeck is stolid and restrained, holding back his psychic fragility for the hallucinatory outbursts.

Graham Clark's twisted, absurd Captain

and Ginter von Kannen's Doctor, moving in unpredictable lunges, full of delusions of scientific immortality, were two riveting, psy-chotic character studies. Mark Baker's strongly sung Drum Major was less blustery than usual, Donald Kaasch was the lyrical Andres, and Birgitta Svenden the effectively blowsy Margret

This staging is a co-production with the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the Deutsche Staatsoper of Berlin, where Barenboim becomes artistic director next season. Further performances at the Châtelet are Wednesday, Saturday and Monday. It is scheduled for another series of performances next



Peter Fitz and Libgart Schwarz in the Berlin production of Marguerite Duras's 'Malady of Death.'

Signs of Life in Italian Cinema

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

OME - For the first time in years, an Italian movie has outrun starladen American imports to earn the biggest profits ever recorded for a movie here. The film, "Johnny Steechine," star-ring and directed by Roberto Benigni, grossed \$25 million at the box office.

Moreover, Italian movies brought home coveted for the prizes this year, including an Oscar los "Menne ranco" as the best bordy lan-guage film and the Cannes Grand Jury Prize for Gianni Amelio's "Stolen Children."

In addition, Benigni is hoping to make an international name for himself as the new Inspector Clouseau in a reborn series of "Pink Panther" films to be directed by Blake Edwards, thus leaping the Atlantic just as Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni did in the classic Italian movies of the 1960s.

These omens are being taken here as a sign of new vigor for what was once Europe's most robust movie industry. Is the Italian film world, once known as Hollywood on the Tiber, poised

for wholesale resurrection? In a word, no, but the outlook is considerably brighter than it was a few years back.

cinema is in good health," said Roberto Ci-cutto, one of the country's smaller, independent producers. But, he continued, "at least what appened is that it's not getting worse."

In the last three decades the movie industry here has generally followed a downward curve, both in theater attendance and in what might loosely be termed quality. In the fabled year of 1955, Italian movie theaters sold a record 819 million tickets, more than eight times the present-day figure. Not only that, the number of movie theaters has fallen from 7,500 at the beginning of the 1980s to around 3,500 today.

Only 1,200 of them qualify as "active theaters" and, in any event, such are the peculiarities of the Italian movie theater season that they are open for an average of only 240 days a year. For many Italians, the lure of television sitcoms and game shows remains irresistible. Still, Italy's newest movie hit parade suggests

that something has changed. In late 1990, only two Italian movies had made it into the top 10 and they were ranked fourth and seventh. For the period from Aug. 1, 1991, through May 17, 1992, five out of the top 10 were Italian-made with Benigni's "Johnny Steechino" in first place and "Mediterraneo" 10th.

And in part because of the runaway success of "Johnny Stecchino" - a comedy of mistak-"There's an international interest in the Italian cinema, but it doesn't mean the Italian bus driver — Italian movies have doubled their

share of the domestic box office this year, to just over 30 percent from around 15 percent. Cicutto said American movies took in 54,2 percent of the total, the lowest U.S. market share in years.

In various cycles over the years, low produc tion costs drew American stars to Italy for the wide-screen spectaculars, like "Ben Hur" in the 1950s, while Italy's own moviemaking shifted from the neorealism of movies like "The Bicycle Thich' to films that pioneered much of the world's cinematic imagery in the 1960s and '70s - films like Michelangelo Antonioni's 'The Red Desert," Federico Felial's "La Doise Vita" and Bernardo Bertolucci's "1900."

N the late 1970s and 80s, everyone seems to agree, it was all downhill and the higgest villain was television. "In the 1970s, people were afraid to go out be-of terrorism," Cicutto said. "People stayed at home and could get a lot of films on television. So many things happened. . . . We didn't do enough to promote the film in the

Clearly, this year's successes, attributed to the emergence of a new generation of actors, directors and scriptwriters, remain overshadowed by the unanswered question of how public tastes will affect the reviving movie industry. In Amelio's words, "The public at the movies is a public that was formed in the bosom of television."

Texan Wagner' Meets Duras

By Joan Dupont

ERLIN - A strange coverably is being performed on stage, confiden-tial as an orphic rite or a black mass. The woman is swathed in white ganze; the black-robed man circles her ominously, book in hand. The whole thing takes place in a hushed bour and a half, the time it takes to read the text, "The Malady of Death," by Marguerite Duras. It has been brought to the stage hy Robert Wilson at Schanbühne, the Berlin theater that is his second home.

It is hard to know where the director's first home is these days, for the paradoxical Texan who brought slow motion to theater with "Einstein on the Beach," has become a cultural broncobuster: He tries out "Lohengrin" in Zurich, takes on "Madama Butterfly" in Paris, and goes on the road with Gertrude Stein's "Dr.

Faustus Lights the Lights." It was inevitable that in his perpetual motion Wilson should meet up with Duras, who is every bit as paradoxical as he is.

Both are artists who have been accused of ambiguity, obscurity, contrariety, of vecting from the divine to the ridiculous and, at times, tottering over the edge - criticisms that do not impede their head-long movement: Wilson pro-duces half a dozen shows a year; Duras writes books faster than they can he translated, according to her English translator, Barbara Bray, who has been trying to keep up with her since

the 1950s. Wilson, who just turned Virginia Woolf's "Orlando" into a one-woman show, has organized Duras's two-party love-and-death fest into an evening's hallucinating entertainment, putting his own pacing on her words.
"It's a very sexual text," he says, "I did it

without undressing." Even without oudity, and with bodies that barely touch, there are moments that look like the kind of art Hitler labeled degenerate — it's those melancholy faces with grimaces out of

Otto Dix or George Grosz.
The story is sad and simple, an old Duras theme of passion and destruction: A man hires a woman to stay with him in a hotel room by the sea, to have sex with him; he does not know what love is and wants to find out. But he is afflicted with the malady of death - he cannot

love, only devour, insatiable. This Liebestod duet is played out against a series of painted backdrops, sweeping diagonals that shift to let light seep into the room. The decor is made up of a podium bed, and a curved chair that looks like a seashell. Wilson

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the master builder painted the backdrops, made the furniture and engineered the lighting.

"I divided the book into sweet parts — so it

takes place during a week — and painted seven sets, not naturalistic at all. Light comes in through the window, growing gradually. On the sixth day it's as if you're outside on a beach."

The narrator (Peter Fitz), hovers over the woman (Libgart Schwarz) like a big bat; she

curls away from him and sleeps, "a smile on her s, ht to be knilled. Fitz is made up to look like a Murnan vampire, in white face, with a jet black cowlick and red lacquer lips; Schwarz has a platinum upsweep, her pearly body gleams through the

It was inevitable that Wilson should meet up with Duras, who is every bit as paradoxical as he is.

gown, an incandescent, and understandably skittish love goddess.

Both characters are nameless, blanched abstractions, and there is even a third person, the demon lover, who never appears but who is evoked and impersonated by the narrator. This tight universe is crowded with pronouns — he, she, you, who inhabit several different time zones. For Duras has a way with pronouns and tenses, switching from the present to the imperfect and the conditional, so you never know when the scene before your eyes is supposed to be taking place, or if these two, or three, people are more than phantoms, figments of a fevered

"The challenge," says Wilson, "was to do it soberly—it's not a play one can act, so I present it in a formal way. It's very beautiful and quiet." The director's oriental respect of silence won him the job. For the writer has been leery of

adaptations on stage and particularly on screen - the very word smacks of treason to her ever since Peter Brook's film treatment of "Moderato Cantabile" in 1960. And she admits that she sold the rights to "The Lover" for money, not love — she would have made a low-budget film on the banks of the Marne instead of the Mekong. In fact, she is happiest about her own direction: "India Song," which she shot by the Seine with Delphine Seyrig and "Des Journées entières dans les arbres," which she staged with Madeleine Renaud.

"The Malady of Death," which took two months to write and was published in 1982, is perhaps the book size has been most refact and to part with. Before giving it to the man who has been called the Texan Wagner, she turned down a slew of German and French directors, saying that even if Wilson went wrong, at least what he did would be interesting. She had taken her precautions, writing a postface with terse instructions on how the text could be recited, not acted, saving it would be "completely outlified if it spoken theatrically," and "no music."

A director who has been known to strip down librettos and scores to suit his regimen, Wilson has kept every word of this text - it may look spare on the page, but it's a sinewy mouthful, especially in German. He could not resist the kind of background music he mixes from operatic, electronic and elemental sounds; so gulls cry, waves break, an electric shaver buzzes. La Callas sings.

He also put in a series of what he calls his knee

plays, "interludes to inject humor," breathers from the crotic atmosphere: The narrator sits before the curtain, taking time out, shaving; he stuffs his ears with cotton to block out a stray aria that leaks in like Muzak; he opens his mouth and performs a silent scream. The knee plays have a very oriental kick to them.

HE task of rendering Duras according to ber directions was hard on Wolfgang Wiens, Wilson's dramaturge: "The problem was to synchronize the movement with the words - Fitz and Schwarz are fabulous actors, but they've never done anything quite like this: when they started moving they forgot the text and when they started talking they forgot to move." Wiens and the actors worked from Peter Handke's transla-tion while Wilson shadowed them with Bray's translation in hand.

For all these complications, the piece had Berlin audiences rapt. Yet there is a sense of the director bridling under restraints, and the ques-tion of what a job like that does for him, why his career is marked by such challenges, like athlet-

"The Malady of Death" was bound to be a great Wilson-Duras match. He performs with hrio and charges ahead to the next meet. The only problem is, he serves, she wins, and one wonders what ever happened to those events that were entirely his own.

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Beyond Video: Bringing Theater Home

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

ARIS - Isabelle Starkier - actress. director and translator - has inaugurated a campaign to perform modern drama in private homes. "If you don't come to the theater, the theater comes to you" is the slogan of her cause.

In olden times country gentry invited strolling players to their châteaux to entertain at their soirées, weddings and birthdays. Molière in his salad days roamed France with his company traveling the dusty roads in circus wagons and sought such employment. Today theater in the home is open to all at a nominal fee. That the theater world is suffering from audi-

ence absenteeism is clear. Videocassettes of films and those that are televised have reduced the lines of the cinema houses, while the soaring prices of tickets for theater, opera and music halls are keeping former clients at home.

Starkier, a fiery theater evangelist, has recruited her own company, Le Star Théàtre. It has established its residence at the Théàtre Gérard

from the Seine-Saint-Denis region, the town of Saint-Denis, Théâtre et Cinéma en Ile-de-France and the European University of Research.

Born in Paris in 1959, Starkier has had a prodigious education in the performing arts and is a doctor of letters. She was a pupil of Carlo Boso's commedia dell'arte and followed Les Colombaioni's clown and mime classes. After attending Daniel Mesgnich's drama courses, she enlisted in Antoine Vitez's experiments at Ivry, where the avant-garde director staged Greek tragedy and Eugene O'Neill's "Mourning Becomes Electra."

She has since written plays that have been presented at Avignon's festival and at the Lu-cernaire in Paris. For the bicentennial of the French Revolution, she devised a spectacle that

toured the Paris outposts for six months. The Star Theater does not limit itself to private homes. It takes its productions to schools, universities, town halls and airports and has visited

fire stations to divert the off-duty firemen. Starkier is in touch with what is happening in

contemporary drama everywhere. Recently she

discovered an Austrian dramatist, Joshua So-bol, and has adapted his eecie fantasy, "The Last Night of Otto Weininger." In 1903, when he was 23, Weininger published his first and only book, "Sex and Charac-

ter"; a few months later he shot himself. Sobol's play pictures Weininger in desperation on the might of his suicide foreseeing in a prophetic phantasmagoria Hitler's onslaught on Europe-an civilization. Stankier's current production is "The Caba-ret of the Great Fear," an adaptation of

Brecht's "Grandeur and Misery of the Third Reich" arranged as an intimate revue. It is composed of brief skits revealing with grotesque, gallows humor the crimes of the Nazi regime: anti-Semitism, Gestapo spying, politi-cal persecution, and fanatical propaganda. The most effective is the skit "The Informer," wherein the parents of a Hitler Youth child suspect that he is about to report their conver-sations to the police.

This season it has played 65 performances in homes; about 3,000 spectators have seen it

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East Europe's Challenge

empire collapses, its territories fragment into a profusion of small states driven by a surge of liberated nationalism. In Eastern Europe that happened after the fall of the Ottoman and then the Austro-Hungarian empires, and it is now happening again after the sudden evaporation of Soviet power. Czechoslovakia's elections bring diametrically opposed parties to office in its two republics, increas-

ing the probability of secession by Slovakia.

The differences between the Czech and Slovak halves of the country are substantial. The Czechs have an industrial tradition going back centuries; Slovakia has always been much more rural. The winners in the Czech elections are committed to continuing full speed with the reforms that are adapting its economy, with considerable success, to Western markets. In Slovakia the winners want to slow down the reforms and protect jobs with, if necessary, a separate budget and currency.

Regional disparities are part of political life in most countries, East or West. It is the force and vehemence with which nationalism plays on them that continues to he the surprise in post-Soviet Eastern Europe. At least a third of the Slovak voters, and perhaps more, seem to believe that they would be better off as a separate country of 5

million than sharing a state of 16 million

with their Czech cousins and rivals. Having had a very different history, Czechs and Slovaks will proceed differently from the way Serbs and Croats did. Yugoslav-style maybem is not the danger in Czechoslovakia. The much greater concern is the threat to economic growth and social stability as new governments vie for their own currencies, border controls, banking systems and other perquisites of nationhood.

It is becoming clear that the real challenge to Eastern Europe's politicians, and to their friends in the West, is to find ways of accommodating ethnic loyalty and nationalism that are consistent with raising incomes and maintaining security. Eastern Europe would like to be able to turn to the European Community and NATO for that. But it is questionable that either the Community or NATO will expand far enough or fast enough to get these newly liberated countries

through the decade ahead of them. As they free themselves of each other, they will need to construct voluntary supra-national organizations of their own that are strong enough to referee quarrels, to keep borders open to trade and to protect the human rights of minorities. They need to build a moral equivalent of the old empires. — THE WASHINGTON POST.

Not 'Ivan the Terrible'?

"Ivan!" the witness cried. "I have no shadow of a hesitation or a doubt. It is Ivan from Treblinka, from the gas chambers — the man that I am looking at this very moment. I saw the eyes, the murderous eyes and the face." Another survivor testified: "There is Ivan the Terrible. I dream about him every night."

On such compelling testimony was John Demjanjuk, a retired autoworker from Cleveland, convicted in 1988 of executing tens of thousands of Jews in Poland during World War II, Sentenced to hang by an Israeli court, he maintains they have the wrong man — and he could he right.

Evidence from the archives of the former Soviet Union now prompts Israel's Supreme Court to call on prosecutors for the clearest proof of Ivan's identity. And in Ohio, where the defendant was arrested a decade ago, the U.S. Court of Appeals, in a highly unusual step, is asking the Justice Department whether its extradition orders were based on wrong information.

Israeli prosecutors argue that Mr. Demiamiuk can be executed anyway. But that cannot justly occur on the evidence at hand. The prosecutors' fallback position is that this

defendant may have been another man called Ivan, a perpetrator of atrocities at another camp. But Israel probably would never have sought Mr. Demjanjuk's extradition for those offenses. The United States delivered a suspect thought to be one of the worst war criminals since Adolf Eichmann.

There may be no precedent for the federal court's re-examination, on its own initiative, of its own extradition orders. Regardless, Israel has the legal power to execute a prisoner within its borders. But what if Israel were to hang Mr. Demjanjuk and a U.S. court later found that Israel had misinformed the judges in obtaining the extradition? Israel

would be unwise to ignore that possibility.

These new uncertainties about whether Mr. Demjanjuk is in fact "Ivan" of Treblinka clinch the argument against executing him; there are also other arguments. Extreme retribution, even against the right man, would only add another death to the Holocaust. If this man can be justly convicted of war crimes, Israel can punish him with life behind bars. Both justice and humanity will be served if Israel lifts the threat of execution from this knotted case.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

It's a Bad Balancing Act

This week the U.S. House will vote on a series of constitutional amendments, all bad, that would require a balanced budget. Each would tilt spending away from longterm investment, the opposite of same policy. Worse yet, byzantine tactics by opponents of the amendments might backfire and produce the worst possible result.

Yes, the U.S. economy would be better off with a balanced federal budget. But only if "balance" is defined to take account of inflation, growth and -most important the economy's need for public investment. The proposed bills do not make sensible discriminations. None deserves to pass.

The crucial votes come on Thursday. when four proposed amendments will be voted in preset order. Whichever amendment passes last, by majority vote, goes on to a second vote, which requires a twothirds majority for passage.

The first key vote will be on a proposal by the House majority leader. Richard Genhardt of Missouri, that would require balancing the budget without touching Social Security. The exemption makes a bad idea truly horrific. Congress would have to chop hundreds of billions out of the deficit eviscerating investments in infrastructure, education and research — without asking the elderly to share the burden. That builds a constitutional safeguard for the elderly. who, as a group, are better off than many who would bear the brunt of cutbacks.

The next vote will be on an amendment sponsored by Representative Charles Stenholm, a Democrat of Texas, which makes no such exemption. That is still unacceptable, but at least does not victimize the nonelderly. Incredibly, some opponents of a constitu-tional remedy plan to vote for the Gephardt proposal. They can thus claim to back both fiscal prudence and the elderly. Next, these opponents expect the Stenholm amendment to carry, replacing Mr. Gephardt's proposal. When the Stenholm version comes up for a second vote, opponents can then vote tio, telling voters they could not vote for a law that would victimize the elderly.

But this is a dangerous game. If the Stenholm plan loses in the first round of voting, which is increasingly possible, the even worse Gephardt amendment could be

cven worse Gephardt amendment could be the only one still in play.

All the proposals should be voted down.
By indiscriminately lumping together spending for consumption and investment, requiring that everything be paid out of current revenue, the amendments would drive Congress away from the type of long-term, but costly, public investments the term, but costly, public investments the economy desperately needs. The amendments would not even allow government to increase its debt as the economy grows, a choice virtually every other industrialized

country readily exercises.

Many opponents fear the amendments would insinuate the courts into congressional budget setting, undermining the constitution's balance of governmental powers.
Maybe so. But there is no need to engage in such complexities. The proposed amendments fail on the merits.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Let Thailaud's People Decide

cious time and mental energy in arguing about who should form a new government. However, the issue is restoring faith in a leadership that abandoned people to the rule of guns and brute force after failing to meet their aspirations. The crisis of confidence is in the government and parliament

cause they have been used to spending tens their electorates by allowing money to

and ethical problems could be killed with one stone -- by a drastic reduction of the limit permitted for campaign spending. - The Bangkok Post.

Not the Same Czechoslovakia

to our region. Foreign observers have begun to speculate on the chances of the disintegration of the present state. Irrespective of what will happen, it is certain that Prague and Bratislava have lost the respect which they had formerly gained and safeguarded in their immediate environment and in more distant regions. In other words, Bohemia and Slovakia will no longer be considcred as a stable state in the region, but rather as a formation which carries within itself the possibility of explosion.

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America should now do something decisive, is premature and therefore reckless. When Yugoslavia first dissolved into civil war, the United States recused itself from the conflict and let Europe take the lead. Observer missions and endless mediations proved Europe's impotence. Moreover, in a chilling echo of pre-World War I Balkan alliances, Germany lined up with Croatia and Slovenia, while France was decidedly more pro-Serbian. Europe was paralyzed. It did nothing to stop Serbia from grabbing one-third of Croatia and then 70 percent of Bosnia in a vicious

WASHINGTON —As the slaughter in Yugo-

er for the United States to intervene. The calls

come not just from where you would expect -

from suffering Croats and Muslim Slavs, helpless

before Serbian advances. Some calls are coming

from anxious Europeans unnerved by the Europe-

an Community's failure to manage the crisis, others from American foreign-policy thinkers

alarmed by the first European shooting war

It is clear, they say, that no one else can

The first proposition is undoubtedly true.

The second is problematic. And the third, that

do anything about the bloodshed. America can.

in more than 40 years.

It must not stand idly by.

slavia continues, the calls are growing loud-

"cleansing" campaign to create a Greater Serbia. It was not until May 30 that the United Nations was galvanized to any real action -- sanctions - against Serbia. And that was only because the United States finally took the lead, reinforcing the cardinal rule of the New World Order that nothing of importance gets done unless America does it.

What should America do? The interventionists want more than sanctions. They want action. They are motivated first by genuine humanitarian concern. The people of Bosnia and Croatia are quite defenseless. Though one reason for that, as former National Security Council official

WASHINGTON -- Israel's sup-porters have had it with

George Bush. Pointing to a sequence of Locale and his away at

a press conference last Sept. 12, Sec-

retary of State James Baker's alleged

vulgarisms, the leak about arms

transfers to China, the State Depart-ment's endorsement of a Palestinian

right of return - Americans who

care about Israel over definingly agree that Mr. Bush is bad for Israel.

But a cool assessment of the record

shows that they are wrong.

For starters, Mr. Bush and Mr. Bak-

er closed down the dialogue with the

Palestine Liberation Organization.

They expanded the peace process from just Israel and the Palestinians to

include no fewer than 11 Arab states.

Mr. Baker spent months getting the

Arabs to accept a peace process on Israeli terms. Its points of reference contain nothing about land for peace or Jerusalem. Palestinians do not com-

prise a separate delegation. The pro-cess excludes the PLO, Palestinian ex-

patriates and Jerusalem residents.

Europeans and the United Nations

have no real role, nor does the U.S. government have a direct involvement

The American-sponsored peace process virtually eliminates the pros-

pect of war, at least in the short term.

As a result of this and other Bush

administration efforts - most nota-

bly Operation Desert Storm, which

destroyed Iraq's offensive capabili-

Perot's Pitch

Is Useful

— For Now

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK - Traveling

found myself missing Ross Perot.
That startled me. I can't think of

another American politician I ever

thought about when I was absorbed

writing from foreign countries. Yes, politician — it would help to see more clearly if we thought of him that way, not as the Lone Ranger. His own top aides point out that Rangers don't

It certainly wasn't personal. I

talked with him by long distance a few times before I introduced myself

to my telephone buddy -on a men's

room line at a Broadway theater

opening. No bells seemed to ring. But that's all right — I will forget all about it, in 10 or 20 years.

And I'm troubled a lot that be has

kept his mind top secret to the voter

on programs and ideas that might

lift the country out of various messes. Still I kept thinking of Mr.

kernel of the Perot story.

president than a gamble.

learned, alert and gutsy.

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For other millions, the Bill Clinton

button will stay on. They are con-

vinced the future should be with a

Democratic candidate who is one of

the most attractive in years -

make billions by their lonesome.

abroad for a couple of weeks. I

unless invited by all parties.

Yugoslavia: Move Decisively or Not at All By Charles Krauthammer

OPINION

Peter Rodman points out, is the folly of the earlier blanket UN embargo on arms to all sides of the conflict. That did nothing to hamper the Serbs, who have all the assets of the Yugoslav Army at their disposal. It simply left Bosnia and Croatia disarmed and helpless.

The humanitarian impulse is commendable. But foreign policy is not philanthropy. American soldiers are not to be sent to die for reasons of compassion. There have to be vital U.S. interests at stake. Does America have any in Yugoslavia?

Some say what is at stake is the U.S. reputation and credibility as the guarantor of international stability. What kind of guarantor is America if it allows Serbian aggression to go unchecked? Will that not encourage some future dictator, say, a Russian dictator, to gobble up neighbors the way Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic is gobbling his?

Perhaps. But America's role as major guarantor of stability in the post-Soviet world cannot possibly mean that it must extinguish every conflict. If America did that, it would bleed itself dry in every discontented corner of the globe.

U.S. credibility was well enough established in the Gulf. America showed that when its national interests as well as its sense of justice are engaged, it can muster the will and the might to intervene and prevail. The only real question for the United States in Yugoslavia is whether its vital interests are at stake.

At the present time, the answer must be that they are not — so long as the Yugoslav war remains local. A regional war would be a different proposition. Serbia's recent expansion of the war into Bosnia indicates that Serbia might well he prepared to attack next in Macedonia or Kosovo. That could well ignite a general Balkan war involving Greece, Albania, Bulgaria and, possibly and most disastrously, Turkey, America's foremost Islamic ally and the Western linchpin in Central Asia. A general Balkan war would deeply threaten Europe, Turkey, the Western alliance - in sum, American interests.

That is why the administration was justified in pushing the United Nations to send Serbia a message with sanctions. The message is this: We are not prepared to roll back your current conquests in Croatia or in Bosnia. But we aim to contain you. Do not push us. And do not push neighboring states. A general war in the Balkans is one that we will not tolerate.

Intervention may yet become necessary. It is not so yet. Moreover, what would the United States do now? There is talk about the United Nations securing Sarajevo airport to allow the passage of bumanitarian aid to beleaguered civilians. A commendable humanitarian aim as commendable as America's humanitarian aims in Beirut, 1982.

There, too, American troops secured an airport. There, too, they sat in the middle of a savage, centuries old ethnic conflict. There, too, Americans thought that the title "peacekeeper would immunize them from the ferocious hatreds

To sit in Sarajevo would he a monumental folly. If the Yugoslav war spreads and America is forced to intervene, the intervention must not he passive (Beirut-style) or incremental (Vietnam-style). It must be decisive, Gulf War-style. That means using air power rather than slugging it out on the ground against guerrilla forces. And it means going to the source — Belgrade, like Baghdad — hitting the vital military and political centers of the Serbian regime.

This course, should we come to it, will not be

less. But it has the virtue of not being mad. Madness lies with passive, incremental or ground-based intervention. And most of all, with

premature intervention.

Washington Post Writers Group.

would be on top of the \$30 billion spent on missile defenses in the 10 years since President Ronald Reagan's amous star wars speech. Vigorous research and develop-Bush Is No Enemy of Israel's, and the Facts Show It ment, yes. But not the \$5.4 billion

requested by the Pentagon or the \$4.3 billion just approved by the House for next year alone. Here is why: The need for defenses is fuzzy and theoretical. The Pentagon itself knows better than to worry about accidental Russian missile jamiches. Those missiles are under the tightest lock and. key. As for renegade Russian commanders, Robert Gates, the director of .

about an unauthorized launch." bout an unauthorized latinch." be nuclear countries, like Iraq, will be able to threaten the United States with missiles "for at least another decade." As for an attack by terrorists, it is hard to figure out why they ... would choose cumbersome missiles

central intelligence, has said the ex-

when suitcases would do. Nor is it clear that the United States now possesses the technology to deploy an effective earth wars system by 1997, as Mr. Nunn proposes: A senior Pentagon official recently wrote a. memo arguing that meeting that target would lead to enormous waste. He recommended waiting until 2003, and the Pentagon announced a delay until 1998. Mini-star wars technology is even more remote, though the Pentagon will not concede this.

Administration officials are determined to protect the future of ministar wars beyond Mr. Bush, and so seized the idea of seducing Moscow into a joint venture. They offered technological goodies. They conjured up nightmares of nuclear attacks by former Soviet republics. Never mind that these neighbors have agreed to

does not want to be left out of the advanced-technology game and see Russian nuclear punch neutralized. Yet he has no money for such costly common causes.

Britain and France still want new offensive missiles in order to remain. nuclear powers. And if the United States gives the promise of an impene-trable shield to Russia, the British and French parliaments would never approve money for ineffectual missiles.

Yet, these allies cannot oppose missile defenses outright and thus jeopardize industrial links to U.S. technology.

Mr. Num's predicament is no less severe. He desperately favors earth: wars as insurance against accidents and future Iraqs. But most Democrats will not support him. So he has had to turn to Republicans, which has meant endorsing their dubious demands to develop mini-star wars. Mr. Aspin seems mostly on the right

track. He would move toward earth wars deployments but only when and as the technology proved reliable. And

Russia and NATO into supporting these larger missile defense schemes, Congress will be the ultimate decider.

Mr. Nunn and Mr. Aspin owe it to
their good sense and their country to
scrub again the entire rationale for early deployments. By the time they finish spending more tens of billions to protect America against theoretical nuclear attacks, there will not be much worth saving.

For days, government and opposition MPs [in Thailand] have been wasting preand it has to be addressed now.

The first imperative for effective change is the dissolution of parliament so that the way is cleared for a new round of general elections. As only a little over two months have passed since the last elections, politicians are hardly likely to welcome another contest in the near future. But this is beof millions of baht, spoiling themselves and speak when policies and ideas should have spoken. In the new elections, both material

The parliamentary elections [in Czecho-slovakia] have added another tension spot

— UJ Magyarorszag (Budapest).

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Clinton Ought to Ride the Perot Wave

S OME panicked Democrats are urging Bill Clinton to attack Ross Perot. As the Clinton campaign gets more frustrated with its inability to penetrate the Perot phenomenon, the temptation to lash out grows. Relax. The most important things about Mr. Perot's candidacy for Mr. Clinton are that it is real, it has some staying power and it will cripple George Bush. Every day that Mr. Perot is in the news attacking Mr. Bush, attacking the direction the country is heading, is a day Mr. Clinton benefits.

What Mr. Perot is riding is a wave of profound desire for change. Instead of fighting the wave, Mr. Clinton should ride it with him. Instead of whining that Mr. Perot stole his message of change, Mr. Clinton should share it with him. Instead of working against Mr. Perot, Mr. Clinton should join him and together rip Mr. Bush apart.

- Robert Beckel, who was Walter Mondale's campaign manager in 1988, commenting in the Los Angeles Times.

By Daniel Pipes

ties - Israel faces the smallest threat of war in its history. Further, Mr. Bush achieved what Ronald Reagan never attempted -he got the United Nations to rescind its 1975 "Zionism is racism" resolution. His administration played a critical role in freeing Ethiopian and Syrian Jews. However cool the Bush words toward Is al. the acts are warm.

Of course, there is one cool act; the denial of a \$10 billion loan guarantee for Israeli housing. But this issue, which so badly riled U.S.-Israel relations, needs to be seen in perspective; The administration supports an un-conditional \$3 billion a year in aid to Israel, much the largest per capita aid

to any country. Last year it backed a \$400 million supplement for housing purposes and \$650 million for damages suffered during the Gulf War. Washington did not refuse to make the loan guarantee, but made it conditional on a cessation of new settlement activities in the West Bank; the Shamir government chose to reject these terms. Thus, Israelis rejected

American terms, not the reverse.

Doing without the loan guarantee may serve Israel's long-term interests. The country needs growth, not aid. Dependence on handouts stymies

fer hard decisions. Not getting the loan guarantees serious about privatization; major corporations — the telephone ex-change, chemical manufacturer and shipping line — are on the block, Making sure Israel survives has al-

ways been the central issue in U.S.-Israel relations; from this perspective, loan guarantees appear peripheral. It had y compare to U.S.-Israel tensions of years past (Dwight Eisenhower forcing Israel out of Sinai, Gerald Ford denying delivery of fighter planes and Jimmy Carter ignoring Egyptian treaty violations).

Looked at as a whole, the U.S.-Israel relationship is the family relationship of international politics.

American politicians who reiterate their understanding of Israel's plight quickly get known as friends of Israel, Secretary of State George Shultz, for example, clearly established his concern for Israel's long-term security. He once asked a large audience of Israel's supporters if the PLO was qualified to enter negotiations with Israel. "No," it boomed back. Mr. Shultz answered: "Hell, no! Let's try that on for size. PLO?" "Hell no!" the crowd echoed. Not surprisingly, Mr. Shultz won the permanent affec-

tion of Israel's supporters. By way of contrast, James Baker livery of pro forma statements on Israel. His demeanor types him as indifferent or hostile to the Jewish state. compels the Israeli government to get

has the strange effect of rendering his actions relatively the comber 1960, when George Shight took the step friends of Israel most dreaded — opening official U.S. relations with the PLO - they raised hardly a word of protest. His pro-Israel bona fides, in other words, won him enormous freedom of action. But the partician who fails to establish a rapport can do nothing right. Mr. Baker's turgid approach to Israel

and Mr. Bush's tin ear condemn them to a purgatory where they get credit for nothing they do for Israel, even closing the dialogue with the PLO.

In an unusual acknowledgment of the emotional basis of U.S.-Israel ties, George Bush recently observed: "I have come to believe that the measure of a good relationship is not the ability to agree, but rather the ability to disagree on specifics without plac-

ing fundamentals at risk. We do this all the time with Britain; we should

manage to do it with Israel." He is right; the time has come to go beyond tone and style and look at facts. If the Bush administration needs to understand the critical role of feelings in U.S.-Israel relations, Israel's supporters need to coolly recognize a positive record for what it is.

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But that still leaves enough voters to tip the election one way or another. Some are not happy about the president but totally put off by Mr. Clinton and hate saxophones. ABC: Anybody But Clinton. Before Mr. Perot took off, anybody was just George Bush. Now they have a choice: Mr.

Perot, for two reasons.
One: He has managed to get America excited again about politics, the essence of American democracy. And he has made the presidential cam-Bush or Mr. Perot. And there are many Americans who voted for Mr. Bush but are deterpaign a two-man race again — two of them, in fact. That strikes me as the mined not to do that thing again. At home, they count him out for always seeming to float like a bouncing bal-loon beyond the problems of the country, including the recession that Millions of voters already are determined to vote for President George Bush. Some think he has has not turned around for the unemdone a decent enough job. Others feel more comfortable with a known ployed or for merchants who still

stare at empty aisles. On foreign policy he has forfeited one-time Bush voters who fault him for starting a war he never finished, remaining tied to a doomed Mikhail Gorbachev and turning away from

too many friends of the United States — Chinese political prisoners,

Balts, Israelis, Kurds among them. In the never-again contingent are also women and men who favor free choice but voted for Mr. Bush despite his stand against abortion rights. They simply thought that, bottom line, he would be a far better president than Michael Dukakis. But as they see free choice in jeopardy, they are making

that the paramount issue — crossove Democrats and Republicans, too. Many of the lost Bush voters would have voted for Mr. Clinton. Now they have the choice: Mr. Clinton or Mr. Perot. Obviously this could hurt the governor. But at least he has a chance to present the voter with a strong contrast: Choose between his own carefully thought-out ideas and a man who so far has not put forward anything better than "trust me and be quick about it."

Mr. Clinton also needs a chance from American journalism. Even Charles Black, a Bush adviser, says it is keeping Mr. Clinton hidden. I include myself, for too quickly dismissing his speeches on Los Angeles. Mr. Perot sees himself as a

straight shooter. But if he keeps ducking and weaving on domestic and foreign affairs, pretty soon he will look like a weaving duck. I think be is a smart enough politician to know that. If so, now's the time to give the country some real ideas to chew. (That electronic town

hall gimmick will fall on its constitu-

tional backside if he tries to do any-

thing with it, but give everybody another chance to pop off.) So I don't accept all the sky-is falling among some of my friends about a Perot candidacy. I underto he nothing but a noise on a horse

with all the nasty memories that brings back. If so, Americans can dispense with horse and rider at election time. Isn't that the whole idea? Meantime, Mr. Perot is waking up American politics and the parties will never be quite the same. Is that bad? Where's the beef is a good question. So is what's the beef.

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1892: Grand Old Hoopla NEW YORK — The leaders of both

factions of the Grand Old Party have descended to detective carches at their Minneapolis Convention, which is much like a war dance. Twelve skilled detectives are tracking delegates from the committee-rooms from one room in the hotel to another, trying to get evidence of what most suspect: that the transfer of allegiance from Harrison to Blaine was not effected without the use of money. Young braves still keep up their dancing and yelling in the corri-dors, though the plumes of their chiefs are soiled with scandal.

1917: Volcano Erupts

NEW YORK - Thousands are dead throughout the republics of San Sai-vador and Guatemala in the earthquake cansed by the eruption of the volcano of San Salvador, at the base of which the city of San Salvador is situated. Torrents of lava are pouring

down the volcano's sides and showers' of boiling water are thrown by explosions over the stricken city. The capi-tal of San Saivador has been totally destroyed. Residents of San Saivador are camping out in streets and parks.

1942: Bir Hacheim Held WITH ALLIED FORCES IN LIB-

YA - [From our New York edition:] The Free French defenders of Bir Hacheim held their desert stronghold after beating off the tenth, and strongest, Axis assault in two weeks of battle. The attack started at dawnyesterday [June 9] with a pounding from twenty-five German dive-bombers. There followed a long, in-tense artillery barrage. Bir Hachein is a plateau almost four miles square set m the desert, in the center of which a "well of wisdom" gives the fortress its name. French umits in the desert were electrified by the valor of-the garrison. "Bir Hacheim may well be the spark which will set Vichy afire," said one French officer.

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Star Wars:

No Need for

Such Haste

By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK — The Bush admin-istration may be brain-dead on

domestic policy. But it is doing a.

clever job of setting mini-star wars

traps for Russia, NATO allies and

Congress. And the White House is:

Yeltsin next week and try to extract

more leeway from the 1972 treaty

restricting missile defenses. The Pen-

tagon is busily luring wary allies with lucrative contracts. Key congressio-

nal Democrats, playing their own tricky game, are being sucked into the

very traps they are trying to avoid. Maybe, as the Pentagon desires,

the United States one day will need

and be able to develop a mini-star

wars system of space-based sensors guiding rockets to thwart small mis-

sile attacks. Or maybe, as Senator

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Aspin say, the United States can and

should buy an "earth wars" system of

ground-based missiles to ensure

But the time to make such commit-

ments is not now - neither for a mini-

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abandon nuclear capabilities. Mr. Yeltsin seems ambivalent. He

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Will the World Bank Invest in Us?

The Earth summer comes at an auspicious time. Over the next few release untold financial and human resentances and rechards most important important.

Four legislators formulated this joint appeal to the World Bank. They are: Tory Hall, chairman of the U.S. Hause of Representatives' Select Committee on Hunger; Jim Lester, vice chairman of the British in unchecked deforestation."

In order to avoid the kinds of ecological problems many associate with be added to the problems many associate with the problems many associate confrontation. A portion of these resources must be used to meet the new challenges facing humanity; in particular, it must be harnessed to reduce global poverty and environmental destruction. Absolute poverty, in which about l billion people now find themselves trapped, is pernaps the most urgent proban Among environmental problems related to poverty, deforestation —at a rate of 11 million hectares (27 million acres) a year - is among the most tragic. The vicious cycle of underdevelopment and depleted resources must be overcome.

New initiatives to achieve this objective are being considered at the Earth Summit; as parliamentarians representing four major donor nations, we are eager to contribute to this process. As part of such an effort, we are being joined by more than 1,100 nationally elected officials from nine countries in writing a letter to Lewis Preston, president of the World Bank, asking him to sharpen the bank's response to poverty and environmental problems. We are asking that the bank take

action on three issues immediately: Increase access to basic health, education, clean drinking water and safe sanitation for the poor. The United Nations Children's Fund has said that ecologically sustainable development in poor countries will be impossible without For legislaturs formulated this joint appeal to the World Bank. They are: Tony
Hall, chairman of the U.S. Hause of Reprewhich the bank acknowledges "resulted in unchecked deforestation." Development: Wakako Hironako, a member of the Japanese Diet, and Uwe Holtz, a member of the German Bundestag.

greatly increased access to basic services; the availability of basic education and health care are, for example, highly correlated to slow population growth. We are asking that the bank keep a pledge made in 1990 to dramatically increase spending on primary health care and basic education and ensure that some of the resources being spent on clean water and safe sanitation are shifted away from large-scale projects to those projects that utilize new, relatively inexpensive technologies that can most effectively

reach the poorest, most rural people.

For example, the bank could fund more programs like Orangi Pilot Project in Pakistan, a program run by n nongov-crimental organization that has brought clean water and safe sanitation to 600,000 poor people at a cost of less than \$50 per household.

Improve the bank's environmental record. As a result of pressure from envi-ronmental groups, the bank has hired a distinguished group of economists to staff its environmental department; among them are professionals who have written forcefully about how to avoid environmentally damaging projects. Their analysis could have prevented de-

which the bank acknowledges "resulted in unchecked deforestation." cal problems many associate with bank mental staff be included in the very earliest stages of project identification, design and implementation.

Provide assistance to countries that are helping themselves. The bank recently announced a policy stating that the vol-ume of its lending "should be linked to a country's efforts to reduce poverty." We urge the bank to implement this promising policy by implementing a significant number of anti-poverty loans.

This proposal is rooted in our firm belief in the existence of solutions to poverty that have stood the test of time. For instance, the Indian state of Kerala, with a population of 6 million, has successfully implemented a comprehensive set of anti-poverty measures — including land reform and highly effective health and nutrition programs — over the last 15 years. If India, Pakisian and Bangladesh had child-death rates as low as Kerala's is, the lives of 10,000 chil-

dren would be saved every day. If the bank responds to these proposals positively, we will have an easier time responding favorably to the bank's upcoming funding request. In so doing, it will demonstrate that any institution large or small, local or international -can adjust its course and play a constructive role in delivering on the promise of the Farth Summit

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EC Food Aid Is Abundant

I read with astonishment the editorial: entitled "A Job to Do in Africa" (June 1) blaming the European Community for "not pulling its weight," while the United States "has already pledged \$252 million in total food and nonfood sid."

As it happens, since the recognition of the emergency situation, the Community has already pledged an extra \$280 million in food aid. That is on top of the normal 1992 food aid budget of \$670 million, half of which was already targeted for the countries most affected by the famine. That also is on top of the substantial contributions pledged by the 12 EC states individually.

To single out the Community just because it does not actively engage in publicizing its own food aid effort

constitutes a gross misrepresentation of European citizens' solidarity with the developing world.

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BRUNO DETHOMAS.

EC Commission Spokesman.

Keep the European Dream As a committed European, I appland

Giles Merritt's opinion column Wary Danes Have Done Europe a Favor (June 4). But while it is highly desirable that the Maastricht treaty be revisited and while we must not sacrifice the ideal of democracy on the altar of Brussels, we also must guard against throwing out the European baby with the Jacques Delors bathwater. By all means, let the European vox populi decide on the fu-ince of a "New Europe." But let's not lose sight of the ultimate European dream. Abandon it and we betray those who sacrificed their lives to bring about the ibility of building a "New European House" through the events of 1989-90. KARL H. PAGAC.

Get Back on the Right Side

Regarding "Hot Air in Rio Would Be a Waste of Precious Time" (June 3):

"If you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem" sounds like "If you are not with us, you are against us." The Greens must learn that solutions to the environmental crisis must be based on sound economics — not jingoism.

GUY McCRACKEN. St. Petersburg.

The Earth Most Needs a New Style of Activist

B ERKELEY, California — I am listening to a lecture by Helen Caldicott, the environmental activist. She is in top form, holding forth with her usual bracing mixture of caustie wit and prophetical urgency. All around me an au-dience of the faithful is responding with camp-meeting fervor, cheering her on as she itemizes a familiar checklist of impending calamities: acid rain, global

warming, endangered species.

Dr. Caldicott has even come up with a fresh wrinkle on one of the standard environmental horrors: puclear energy. Did we know, she asks, that nuclear

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energy is producing scores of anencephalie births in the industrial shantytowns along the Mexican border? "Every time you turn on an electric

light," she admonishes us, "you are making another brainless baby." The presentation is meant to instill unease. In my case she is succeeding, though not in the way she intends. She is making me worry, as so many of my fellow environmentalists have begun to make me worry, not simply for the fate of the earth, but for the fate of this movement on which so much depends.

1 am a sympathetic listener, but I find myself going numb. Is it possible that green guilt, the mainstay of the movement, has lost its ethical sting? Despite my reservations, I do

best to go along with what Dr. Caldicott has to say - even though I suspect that there is no connection between light bulbs and brainless babies. The increase in anencephalic births around on the Mexican border probably has more to do with the dumping of toxic wastes. And isn't that bad enough?

Still, I remind myself that the important thing is to spread the alarm. And Dr. Caldicott is an inspired alarmist struggling hard to move a mountain of

Judging by the leisurely pace at which the world's political and corpo-rate leaders seem prepared to "phase in" such reforms as emissions controls and "phase out" such dangers as ozone depleting chemicals, it is clear that they do not share my sense of urgency even when it comes to such biospheric imperatives as the greenhouse effect.

The public at large may not share their insouciance. Over the past two decades environmentalists have done a good job of scaring people. They have been so effective that the movement

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By Theodore Roszak

may be in danger of crippling the public's capacity to take action.

If we were to compile the warnings of all the ecology groups there would be little that we in the industrial world could do that would not be cither lethal, wicked or both. From dioxin-laced coffee filters we use in the morning to the electric blankets we cover ourselves with

at night, we are besieged by hazards.

There is no question in my mind that these problems are as serious as envi-ronmentalists contend. It is simply that there are so many of them and each

comes at us crying, "Me first! Me first!" The ecological overload arises from the haphazard way in which the movement operates. The pattern too much resembles those "disease of the month" telethons that leave us wondering if there is anybody still alive out there.

Only a few groups, such as the Worldwatch Institute, deal with the planetary habitat as a whole, seeking to assign the issues some priority. Otherwise, the biosphere has been Balkanized into a landscape of disaster areas. Scores of groups compete for public attention and funds, and the end result may be public rejection. As Jeremy Burgess, a science writer, asks: "Is it just me, or does everyone else feel guilty for being alive, too?"

Environmentalists are not imaware of the problem. One group has tried to make light of it, calling itself the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement. Under the slogan, "The Answer to All Our Problems," its founder says that "the extinction of homo sapiens would mean survival for millions, if not billions, of other earth-dwelling species.

Humor aside, a fanatical anti-envi-ronmental backlash is stripping away the ecologists' most important asset: their claim to public virtue.

Until now the business community has been forced to handle the movement with care, redefining products in eco-friendly terms, running advertise-ments featuring frisky animals and edenic landscapes. But a new tactic has emerged: environmental hardball. Corporations are sponsoring citizens' groups that purport to speak for hikers, hunters, fishermen and dirt-bike riders who merely want to enjoy the nature's simple pleasures. The Big Three automakers, for example, have created the Coalition for Vehicle Choice. Through the Alliance for America, lumber and mining corporations portray ecologists as bullying spoilsports.

petitive Enterprise Institute, which promotes "free market ecomanagement," announces, "There is an intellectual war taking place between pro-market and anti-market forces to which business should be contributing a vigorous defense of its social role."

At its extreme this rhetoric can be venomous. George Reisman, a professor of economics at Pepperdine University, condemns environmentalism as every bit as menacing to capitalism

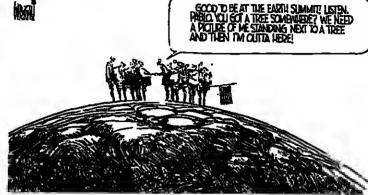
as Bolshevism or Nazism.

Jan Beyea of the National Andubon Society cautions: "Environmentalists need to be very careful to watch their own psychological state." He adds that

Environmentalism may not require the "undoing of the Industrial Revolu-For conservatives a green scare is tion," as Mr. Reisman said, but it does replacing the red menace. The Com- involve inventing new concepts of wealth and well-being that challenge many of the values on which Western politics is based. Change on this scale will be the work of generations.

But here and now something basic has to be decided. In its task of saving life on earth, does this movement believe it has anything more to draw on than the ethical resolution of a small group of overworked, increasingly vituperative activists who feel they may have to be entrusted with more and more domineering control over the conduct of daily life?

Or is there an ecological dimension to the human personality that is both "natural" and universal? I believe there is: a



many of his friends "get such a psychological reward from being in the battle, the good guys against the bad guys, that they lose sight of what they are trying to do. Mr. Beyea wants to replace the politics of blame" with what he calls the "politics of vision," by which he means "showing people practical ways that they can do better."

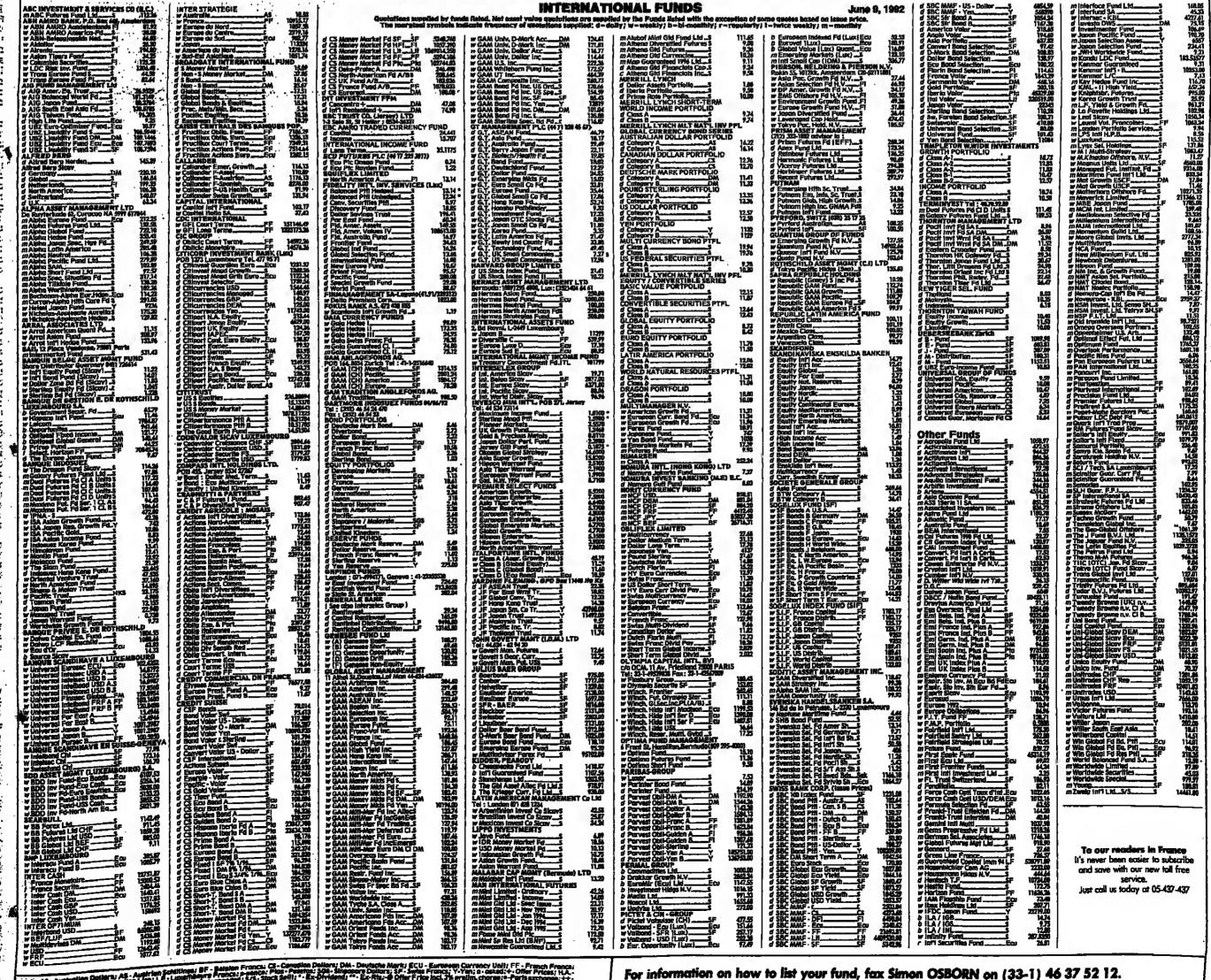
The popularity of John Javna's "50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth" stems from the fact that the book provides readers with a chance to act — though hardly enough to satisfy more radical environmentalists.

The response of "Earth Island Journal" was to catalogue 50 pot-so-simple things. The list begins: 1. Dismantle your car; 2. Become a total vegetarian; 3. Grow your own vegetables; 4. Have your power lines disconnected, and 5. Don't have children. The intention is not entirely humorous.

sense of connectedness with nature as rooted in the psyche as Frend once believed the libido to be. When we experience this shared identity person to person we call it love. More distantly felt between the human and non-human, it is called compassion. In either case the result is spontaneous loyalty. Those of us who presume to act as the

planet's guardians must decide if we believe such a bond exists between ourselves and the planet that gives us life. On the far side of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro we might do well to begin asking what environmental politics connects with in people that is generous, joyous, freely given and noble.

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Public Relations Firms Are Focusing on Finance

By Michael Quint New York Times Service

EW YORK - As banks and insurance companies struggle to overcome their bad loans and brokerage firms cope with insider trading and all three fight to expand into the others' business, some public relations experts think the time is ripe for a new push for clients in the financial-services industry.

At Burson-Marsteller, which says it has surpassed Hill & Knowlton as the world's largest public relations agency, this opportunity has led to a hiring binge that has doubled the size of its financial group, to 10 people.

The new additions include four highly paid senior executives

with decades of public relations experience at Chase Manhattan Bank, Morgan Stanley & Co., Salomon Brothers and First Boston

is leading the push for Corp. — the types of blue-chip companies that public rebanking, brokerage lations firms crave as clients. and insurance clients. "Nobody else is making the quite massive investment that Burson is in the financial-services area," said Paul A. Holmes,

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editor of Inside PR, a newsletter. "Burson is hiring people who know the business and have good access to potential clients." Burson officials say they are confident that their moves will open more doors with new clients in the financial field.

"A lot of banks have cut staff, but they still have just as much work to be done," said Frasier P. Seitel, who joined Burson last week as a senior counselor and had been head of public relations at Chang Manhattan.

at Chase Manhattan. "There is a limit to how much the remaining staff at the banks can double up, so I think prospects are good for outside providers like us." Mr. Holmes said banks in particular needed advice. Even as they are seeking to expand in the insurance business and to open

branches across the United States, he noted, banks have had their image tarnished by heavy loan losses, layoffs caused by mergers and a poor record of lending in low-income neighborhoods.

HE LATEST ADDITION to Burson's stable, Mr. Seitel spent 20 years at Chase Manhattan, leaving in February to start his own firm. Besides counseling three Chase chairmen — David Rockefeller, Willard C. Butcher and Thomas G. Labrecque - Mr. Seitel wrote a public relations textbook.

Mr. Seitel will report to Charles Francis, who worked for him years ago at Chase and was head of corporate and financial public affairs at Hill & Knowlton's Washington office until this year. Mr. Francis's move to Burson from Hill & Knowlton was

illustrative of a shift in the public relations business. With \$215 million in billings last year and a parent company - Young & Rubicam Inc. — that is large and healthy, Burson executives say their business is benefiting from the problems at Hill & Knowlton, whose parent, WPP Group PLC, is having financial troubles. Earlier additions to the financial services group include Peter Roche, a reporter at The Wall Street Journal and later head of corporate communications at Morgan Stanley for eight years, until late 1990. "After eight annual reports and years of dealing with the same issues at a single company, I wanted a change," he said.

Also on the Burson team is Mary McCue, head of the public affairs office at the Securities and Exchange Commission for more than seven years, until September 1991. Before moving to the SEC, she was in charge of press relations at First Boston.

Sarah Campbell, who spent seven years at Salomon Brothers, rising to the No. 2 post of that firm's public relations department, joined Burson in early May. The decision to focus on the financial-services industry came

from James E. Murphy, chief executive of Burson's New York office and formerly head of public relations at Merrill Lynch & Co. Mr. Murphy noted that as the public and journalists became expanded to more than preparing and delivering press releases.

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Snub EC

Budget Finance Ministers **Oppose Delors**

By Charles Goldsmith

LUXEMBOURG — Just a week after Danish voters rejected a new European Community treaty, a clear majority of EC finance ministers said Tuesday that a proposed new five-year Community budget was far too ambitious.

The 1992-97 budget proposed by the EC Commission president Jacques Delors, contains substantial sums to finance new commitments outlined in the Maastricht treaty on economic and political union.

Several countries, led by Britain, Germany and the Netherlands, have long urged a cautious approach to new EC spending, and Denmark's June 2 rejection of the Maastricht treaty has won converts in the go-slow camp. "We feel that the current criling is sufficient for years to come, and that is a view shared by the majority of minis-ters," said Norman Lamont, chan-cellor of the British Exchequer.

Belgium's finance minister, Philippe Maystadt, said he expected Mr. Delors to propose a compro-mise budget at the June 26-27 sum-mit of EC leaders in Lisbon, but a commission spokesman said such a conclusion was premature.

"Seven countries were clearly opposed at this time to an increase in the spending ceiling as proposed by the commission," said an EC diplomat. The commission has proposed a boost in the ceiling from the current 1.2 percent of the com-munity's gross domestic product to 1.37 percent in 1997. That would raise the ceiling to 86 billion European currency units (\$110.68 billion), from 66 billion Ecus.

The seven countries opposed to the increase say spending is still below the 1.2 percent ceiling, so an ambitious increase is unnecessary at this time.

Only Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland --- the Community's so-called Poor Four - supported the proposed spending ceiling increase. Those four countries would benefit from the budget's proposal to commit 10 billion Ecus over the next five years to a new "cohesion" fund pledged by the Maastricht treaty. Denmark did not voice an coinion on whether the spending ceiling should be increased, diplo-

The budget proposal also contains a handsome increase in EC foreign-policy expenditures to ac-count for the Maastricht treaty's increase in those responsibilities.

Despite the Danish rejection, the

EC ministers pledged to pursue adherence to the Maastricht treaty's tough economic criteria.

Members GM Reformer Takes On U.S.

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

ZURICH --- A revolution in the way cars are made that started in a small, nondescript office building in a Zurich suburb is sweeping General Motors Corp. Its code word, coined by a Spaniard, is "Picos."

Repeated like a shibboleth by executives at GM's modest European beadquarters, Picos is short for "program for improvement and cost optimization of suppliers." In essence, the term covers the

mix of ruthless probing, consulta-tion, orders and ultimatums that J. Ignacio Lopez de Arrionna used m slash the cost of parts for GM Europe, making it hugely profitable while its Detroit-based parent piled up losses. Now, Mr. Lopez, an indefatiga-

ble 51-year-old engineer sometimes referred to as the "grand inquisitor" in European automotive circles, is attempting to do for GM in the United States what he already achieved in Europe as the executive in charge of purchasing.
That is, GM's new management

would like to see GM Europe's per-formance — it bas piled up \$8.54 which supply 70 percent of compo-billion in profits since 1987 — re-nents in GM vehicles, and that 50 with the more than 65 offerings of

"He ran the European parts operation the way they now want the whole North American operation said John Kennedy, president of organized, said John F. Smith, vice Autocam, a supplier in Grand Rappresident for planning of GM Europe, who is not related to John F. sion. And I tell you be's driven."

Mr. Lopez gave a taste of his medicine on June 2 when he told startled lower costs. executives from GM's suppliers that Mr. Lope contracts would be reopened for bidding, that prices would be renegotiated, that GM would be renegotiated, that GM would be renegotiated. gotiated, that GM would no longer lion --- the unit is dwarfed by its

right to do the same?

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune

Japanese trade practices, So does the Europe-

an Community. So shouldn't Japan have the

Tokyo, of course, thinks it should. On Tues-

day it was resolute in defending a report issued

Monday that branded the United States the world's most unfair trader. The report simply

stated the facts as they are," the minister of international trade and industry, Kozo Watan-

abe, told reporters. "For America to be told the truth is probably not pleasant."

The 212-page trade report, issued by a

MITI advisory panel, is a kind of report card that measures how well Japan's major trading

partners adhered to international rules such

as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The United States, it said, broke rules

in nine of 10 categories, while the European Community violated six. South Korea, Indo-

TOKYO -- The United States criocizes

GM's New Parts Strategy

Highlights of General Motors' new approach to global purchasing of components, based on an address to GM suppliers given recently by J. Ignacio Lopez de Amortua.

The company is looking for every opportunity to reduce its costs, in 1991, GM started a program to save S2 billion over three years, but now thinks it can do better and is stepping up the effort. GM will help suppliers identify areas of waste so they can lower their costs.

HARD-HEADED PURCHASING

Longstanding and cozy relationships between GM and suppliers are to be replaced by more hard-headed criteria such as quality, price and service. Internal GM parts subsidianes will have to compete with outside suppliers on this basis.

GM's goal is to establish international coordination in purchasing. U.S. suppliers will get opportunities to self to overseas GM operations, but will tace competition from fore-gn suppliers selling to GM in North America.

percent improvements in productivity were expected by 1995.

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Mr. Lopez has made clear his Smith Jr., the GM president. "That's determination to change GM's culwhy be's over there. That's his mis- ture. Where the corporation conon. And I sell you be's driven." centrated on bugely expensive Named vice president for world-automation in the 1980s, Mr. Loide purchasing in Detroit in April, pez believes all the gadgetry is useless unless people are motivated to

favor its internal manufacturers, parent, it has just four basic model

Japan's Riposte: On Trade, the Truth Hurts

culprit of unfair trade, reacted harshly. "Peo-

ple who live in glass houses should be careful about their stones," Marlin Fitzwater, the presidential spokesman, said Monday.

Others were more blunt. Japan "doesn't

have the credibility to call others unfair" at a

time when its trade surplus is reaching his-

torical highs, commented the House Demo-

Mr. Watanabe, apparently taking offense,

Politicians and bureaucrats here have long

resented being singled out for unfair trade practices. Many feel Japan has gotten a raw deal in accords that forced it to buy more U.S.

cars and microchips. Frustration has increased

in this election year, especially after President

George Bush arrived in January with the heads

The report reflects frustration with being

bashed and fears of unilateral action by the

United States, and it also points to a more aggressive strategy. "It's part of the process

of America's Big Three automakers.

said: "We are ready to correct mistakes, if any. But it is embarrassing to be told that somebody simply does not like our face."

cratic leader, Richard A. Gephardt.

with the more than 65 offerings of GM North America. "Doing things is much easier

here than in Detroit, because we're relatively autonomous and lean," said Paul W. Schmidt, chief financial officer for GM Europe. Many analysts believe the reor-

ganization Mr. Lopez is attempting is overdue. "GM in Detroit has long sourced too many components in-house, and, unlike GM Europe, has had its

policy completely wrong on this," said Robert Barber, senior auto analyst at James Capel in Loudon. "That's a major reason why the company has not been competitive.

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Deal Will Lift Casino's Sales To 65 Billion FF

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - France's Casino, an

group, will create a 65 billion franc (\$12.2 billion) food retailer by buying Rallye SA's food stores and cafeterias. Casino said Tuesday.

The deal marks a further step in the integration of food distribution in Europe, in which Casino has been a leader through an alliance with Argyll PLC of Britain and Ahold NV of the Netherlands.

Casino did not give a purchase price, but Jean-Charles Naouri, bead of Rallye's supervisory board. said the subsidiaries involved were valued at 4 billion francs, net of debt of 1.2 billion francs.

To pay for the acquisioon, Casino will issue new shares to Rallye. That will give Rallye, held 50 percent by the Cam family and 50 percent by institutions, a stake of about 30 percent in the enlarged Casino group, Casino said. Casino's revenue last year was

42.4 billion francs and its net profit 530 million, up 35.5 percent. Casino's chairman, Actoine

Guichard, said the combination of Rallye and Casino "will deliver profits that we will be envied for." The full name of the century-old company, a pioneer in implanting supermarkets in what until 20 years ago was largely a nation of smallish grocery stores, is Casino Guichard-Perrachon & Co. SCA.

Geoffroy Guichard opened his first grocery shop in 1898 in a shut-

of positioning themselves in international

trade," said a European diplomat, "But

The report, for example, largely ignores the

It also omits agriculture, an industry where

Japan maintains strong barriers. Nor does

the report address the role of keiretsu, the

business groupings that some believe keep

"Can Japan really sound convincing when it claims to be fair while ... the country

accumulates a vast trade surplus by having its

workers labor a lot longer than their Western

counterparts?," asked an editorial in the

The EC Commission will examine the U.S.-

Japan semiconductor agreement announced

last week to determine if it discriminates against European suppliers of computer chips, an EC official said Tuesday, according to a Reuters dispatch from Brussels.

■ EC to Examine Chip Accord

they're arguing only one side of the case."

criticism that Japan's huge trade surplus, ex-pected to exceed \$110 billion this year, re-

flects barriers to imports.

foreign competitors at bay.

Asahi Shimbun, a major daily.

old but innovative supermarket Pechiney Divests Nuclear Activities

PARIS — Pechiney SA is selling its nuclear activities for 2.3 billion French francs (\$430 million) to cut its big debt load and streamline the industry in France, the state-owned aluminum company said Tuesday.

To Cut Its Debt

The buyers are the state nuclear fnel company Cogema and the power plant builder Framatome SA, which is controlled by the state but in which the private-sector power-engineering conglomerate Alcatel Alsthom SA has a 44 per-

The industry minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, said the deal was part of inevitable consolidaoon in the nuclear power sector

See PECHINEY, Page 13

tered casino in the central city of Saint-Etienne. The Guichard family has held the reins tightly, partly by holding the largest single stake and partly by keeping the company 2 Société en Commandite par Ac-tions, 2 corporate structure that insulates management from the will of stockholders. Now the Guichards' stake in Casino's capital will dip to 18.8

percent from 26.6 percent, behind that of Rallye, although the family's voting rights, at 29.9 percent, will still exceed the new partner's 25 percent. Louis Le Gouez, chairman of

Rallye's Hyperallye unit, will join Casino's management board, and Rallye will nominate six people to join Casino's supervisory board, Ahold's stake will drop to 2.9 percent and Argyll's to 2.8 percent,

The enlarged company will have 101 hypermarkets and 480 supermarkets, as well as more than 2,000 smaller stores and cafeterias. The move will make Casino the secondlargest integrated food distributor in France after Carrefour SA, a Casino spokesman said. But Mr. Naouri, who heads the

investment group Euris and manages Rallye, said the two would keep separate decision centers. "Casino is seeking volume and

greater purchasing power," a Paris analyst said. "But I don't see how they're going to do it if they have two decision-making centers." Geographically, Casino's main strength is in the south and east of

France, whereas Rallye, based in. Brittany, is strongest in the west. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

nesia. Thailand and Malaysia also were singled out. Japan, for its part, was guilty of The White House, unaccustomed to a rep-Fokker Gets Leading Role

In Regional Jet Venture

AMSTERDAM - Fokker NV and Deutsche Aerospace AG said Tuesday they had reached an agreement in principle giving Fokker the lead role in regional jet development in a proposed partnership with Deutsche Aerospace as the majority shareholder.

The managements of both companies held talks in Amsterdam on

Tuesday "in a very positive constructive spirit" during which "progress has been made in defining the details of the future structure," the companies said. The Dutch economic affairs minister, Koos Andriessen, participated in the meeting.

A Fokker spokesman said talks on the project were expected to be

A Fokker spokesman said talks on the project were expected to be concluded by mid-July.

Meanwhile, Erik Jan Nederkoorn, Fokker's management chairman, said in an interview in Tuesday's edition of the Dutch daily De Telegraaf that Deutsche Aerospace would take a 51 percent stake in Fokker.

Fokker and Deutsche Aerospace, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, said in March that they were exploring the possibility of setting up a joint venture to produce a new family of short- to medium-range planes.

Fokker does not have sufficient each to develop the aircraft, which are to have between 65 and 130 seats, on its own, and Deutsche Aerospace has been expected to buy a 51 percent stake in the company, including the has been expected to buy a 51 percent stake in the company, including the

Dutch state's 31.8 percent interest, to help fund them. Since the talks began, Fokker's aim has been to retain both the bulk of the jobs and the strategic aerospace technology in the Netherlands. Separately, Hartmut Mehdom, chairman of Deutsche Aerospace's management board, said that the company would have to shut at least two of its 14 domestic plants if Germany pulled out of the European

Fighter Aircraft project.

The German government is expected to make a final decision on the controversial EFA project on June 23. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

Li legrand

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings, held in Limoges on June 5, 1992 and chaired by Mr François Grappotte, approved the resolutions submitted.

The expressionated financial statements for 1991 showed an 8% increase in sales at FF 9,948 million and steady net earnings at FF 703 million.

The Meeting approved the distribution of a dividend of FF 180 million, representing a dividend per share as follows: FF 57.50 for ordinary shares, or FF 86.25 with lax credit

 FF 92.00 for preferred shores, or FF 138.00 with tax An interim dividend having been declared on February 3,

the balance will be paid as from June 15, 1992.

For the first four months of the financial year, consolidated sales adjusted for structural changes are up almost 5%.

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Dow Jones Averages

Compiled by thir Stuff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks on Tuesday suffered their

biggest loss since early April. dragged down by inflation jitters and investors' impatience with the broad market's lackluster performance in recent weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

N.Y. Stocks

age fell 34.21 points to 3,369.92, after tradiog as low as 3,359.55. Declining stocks outnumbered advancing ones by 5 to 2 among common stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. A moderately active 191 million shares changed hands oo the Big Board.

Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.30 to 410.06.

Although the Dow industrials had soared 6.2 percent this year to a record closing high of 3,413,21 oo June 1, the S&P 500 has fallen 1.7 percent since the start of the year.

"People are getting nervous and tired of holding some of this stuff," said John Schraff, a trader at Daiwa Securities America. "The broad market's still down for the year."

lovestors are also growing anxious that reports on the economy later this week will show inflation is the May producer price index on the cuts.

index on Friday.

Recent gains in commodity and oil prices are stirring some concern.

"There's ongoing talk that we might have seen the best on inflation," said Marshall Acuff, a portfolio strategist at Smith Barney. Paper stocks were a noticeably

weaker cyclical sector. Salomon Brothers lowered its estimates on International Paper and four other paper companies. "It was a vote of less confidence toward the cyclicals," Mr. Acuff said, "When people see earnings cuts, they start to get nervous. Buyers pull back."

International Paper lost 2% to 64%. Stone Container lost % to 22%. Temple-Inland fell 14 to 47%. Union Camp eased 1% to 46% and Willamette fell 11/2 to 351/4.

Salomon Brothers also triggered a decline in oewspaper stocks after the firm's media analyst lowered his ratings of Gannett, Knight-Rid-der, and Washington Post, citing

weak advertising revenues.

Gannett tumbled 2% to 44%, Knight-Ridder dropped 2 to 56½, and Washington Post lost 3 to 235½. The Dow Jones transportation average sank 27.84 to 360.80. Delta

Air Lines fell 1% to 58% after the carrier reduced some business fares on the rise, traders said. The Labor for European and Atlantic routes Department is scheduled to release and some other airlines matched (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Dollar Ends Higher As Mark's Appeal Eases

NEW YORK - The dollar strengthened Tuesday as investors reversed their course of the last few days and swapped Deutsche marks

for other currencies. Once it became clear that the dollar was rising, investors covered their short positions and booked profits by swapping their marks back for dollars, traders said.

"At some point, you have to be

Foreign Exchange

coocerned with how many marks you have, and people have been taking their dollars back somewhat," said Terry Price, chief dealer at Connecticut National Bank.

The dollar closed at 1.5920 DM, up from 1.5865 DM on Monday and well above the session low of 1,5808. It also ended at 127.50 yen, up from 127.28 yen, Against other European curren-

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favor of other currencies was more where it traded at 1.5905 DM, little evident overseas, traders said. But changed from 1.5906 on Monday. investors are still measuring Den-

mark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty last week.

"People are generally confused." said John McCarthy, chief dealer at Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank. They don't know how to read the pace of European integration or how the Danish vote affects it."

Nooetheless, some traders said the weakening of the mark was only a momentary correction.

The lira strengthened against the

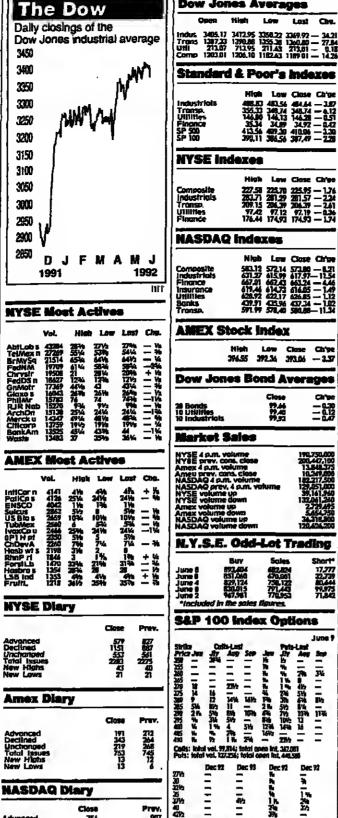
mark, giving the Italian currency a breather. Late in the session, the lira was trading at 756.92 to the mark, up from 757.55 on Monday.

The dollar had fallen against the mark in early European trading on remarks by Bundesbank President Helmut Schlesinger that a realignment of European currencies in the exchange-rate mechanism was still possible, traders said.

In an interview in the Interna-tional Herald Tribune on Tuesday, Mr. Schlesinger said it was "quite cies, the dollar rose to 1.4555 Swiss clear" that there could be another Europe before a single currency

11.8347 from \$1.8350. But late short-covering helped.

The tendency to sell marks in the dollar rebound in London,



Club Med Predicts a Rebound

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

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PARIS - Club Mediterrance SA predicted Tuesday that it would return to profitability this year following a loss last year caused by the tourism slump after the Gulf War.

The company forecast net profit for the year ending Oct. 31 at 240 million French francs (\$44.95 million) on sales of 8.4 billion francs. In the prior financial year, Club Med had posted a net loss of 17 million francs on sales of 7.6 billion francs.

Club Med's chairman, Gilbert Trigano, told analysts that profit estimate preceded the key vacation period in July and August, when Club ... 5906 on Monday.

(Bloomberg, UPI)

Med racks up much of its business, "We need a satisfactory July and August to reach that target," he said.

(Reuters, AP)

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U.S./AT THE CLOSE

\$1 Billion Food Supplier Bid , MINNI-APOLIS (Combined Dispatches) — Supervalu Inc. offered Tuesday to acquire must of Wetterau Inc. for \$1.1 billion, a deal that would create the biggest U.S. food wholesaler.

The companies signed a deal that offers Wetterau shareholders \$30.20 cash for each of their 21.3 million shares. Stockholders also would get shares in 70 percent of Wetterau's Shop 'n' Save warehouse food retailing subsidiary, the remainder of which would end up with Supervalu. Supervalu also would assume \$440 million of Wetterau debt. Wetterau shareholders must vote for the deal, which also requires approval by

egulators. Wetterau's stock rose \$6.375 a share, to \$30.375. Wetterau supplies more than 2,900 groceries and 1,200 institutional accounts in 29 states. It also has almost 160 retail stores in 12 states, plus operations in general merchandise distribution, bakery production, construction, transport services, financing and leasing and insurance. Supervalu, which changed its name last month from Super Valu Stores Inc., owns

105 retail food stores and supplies 2,650 retail food stores in 31 states.

It currently is the second-biggest U.S. food retailer; with the acquisition it would have about \$16 billion of annual sales, replacing Fleming, Cos., which has \$12.9 billion, as the leader in the sector. (Reuers, UPI), r

Aetna Ahead on Sale of Reinsurer

HARTFORD, Connecticut (Combined Dispatches) - Shares in Actna Life & Casualty Co. rose 37.5 cents, to \$41.25, Tuesday, bolstered by the insurer's deal to sell its American Re-Insurance Co. subsidiary to managers and Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. for about \$1.41 billion. Under an accord amounced late Monday, Actna is to receive \$1.21 billion cash at closing and up to \$20 million in December. Actna also is to receive \$100 million in notes and \$70 million of a 14 percent pay-in-kind

ceive \$100 million in notes and \$70 million of a 14 percent pay-in-kind preferred stock to be issued by American Re Corp., a new holding company, in which Aetna will get about \$30 million of common stock. The deal is KKR's first acquisition of more than \$1 billion since it bought RJR Nabisco Inc. in 1989 for \$25 billion, the largest takeover ever. KKR previously focused on industrial companies, though it teamed with Fleet-Norstar Financial Group Inc. to acquire the ailing Bank of New England last year. Aetna acquired American Re-Insurance, the third-largest U.S. reinsurer, in 1979. In 1991, the unit, which essentially insures insurance companies, earned \$133 million with assets of \$3.8 billion. (UPI, AP)

Economic Data Point to Weakness

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Three government reports issued Tuesday suggested businesses and consumers did not expect a robust.

The Commerce Department said wholesalers' inventories fell 0.5 percent in April, to a seasonally adjusted \$197.69 billion, and the largest decline since September. Wholesale sales fell 1.4 percent, to \$144.76 billion, the largest drop since January 1991. "There is still weak demand." said Astrid Adolfson, economist at MCM MoneyWatch in New York. "The large chains are saying sales are O.K., but they're not good enough for us to bet on big inventory additions."

A second Commerce Department report showed foreign spending to buy or establish U.S. businesses fell 66 percent, to \$22.6 billion in 1991, because of global recession and reduced takeover activities.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve Board said consumer borrowing declined by a \$3.821 billion in April. The drop was sharper than expected, and analysts said it suggested that Americans continues to thus near deby

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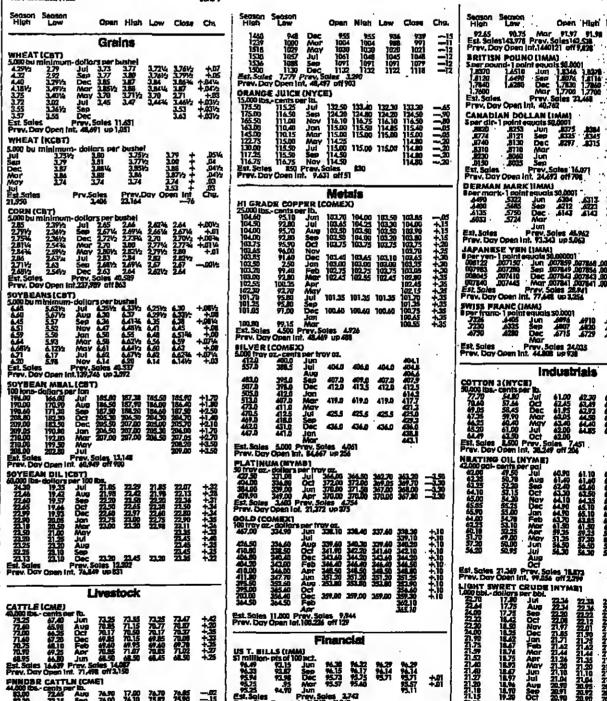
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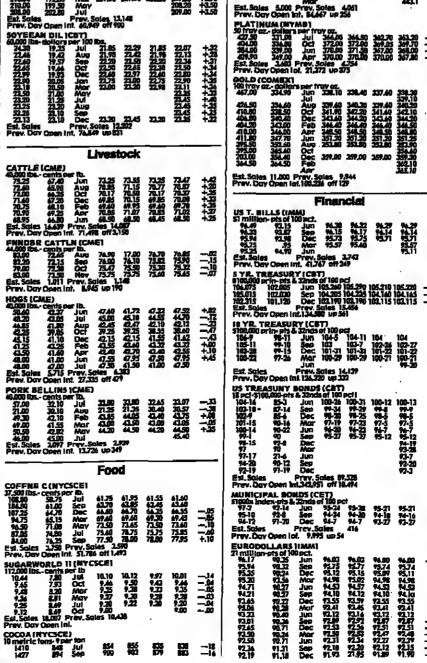
West Point Acquisition Corp., which owns 95 percent of West Point-Pepperell, filed a prepackaged bankruptcy reorganization plan for itself, and two subsidiaries. West Point-Pepperell is not included in the filing which is related to the inability of the parent to acquire all of the linen maker after the junk-bond market collapsed. (AP)

H.I. Development Corp., which builds and manages hotels and resorts, plans to build a 200-room Holiday Inn as part of a services complex at the Kiev airport in Ukraine.

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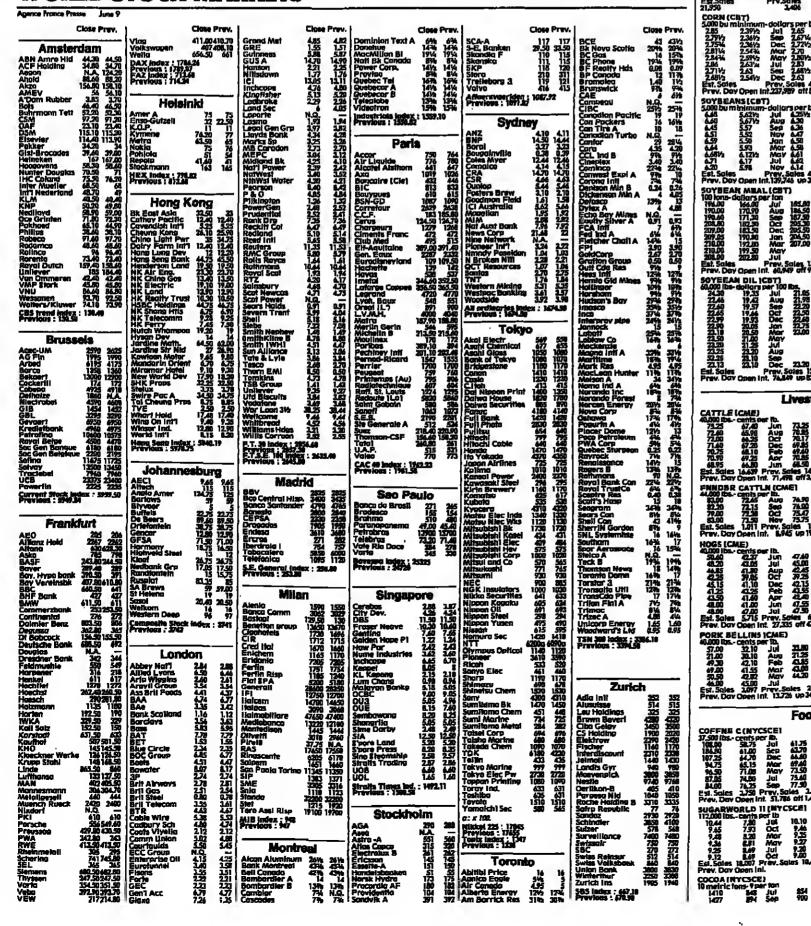
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By Laurence Zuckerman
International Herald Tribune

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Afterwards, William Purves, the HSBC chairman, said he was confident Midland stockholders would approve the offer by June 25 — the deadline set by HSBC - now that a potential rival bid from Lloyds Bank had been withdrawn. "My supression is that Midland shareholders, by and large, are quite satistied with the offer," he said.

Most analysts agreed. "My as-umption is that it will be fine," said Laura Grenning, bank analyst with Smith New Court in Hong Kong. The acquisition of Midland by HSBC, holding company for Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., would create one of the world's 10 largest banks. Hong-

1987. Its final offer, which it announced last week, is 120 HSBC shares plus cash or a face value of £65 in bonds in exchange for every 100 Midland shares.

Meanwhile, HSBC shares tumbled for the second trading day since Lloyds announced last Friday that it was withdrawing from the contest for Midland. HSBC stock closed at 44.75 Hong Kong dollars (35.78) Tuesday, down 3.50 dollars from last Timrsday's close of 48.25.

Analysts said the sell-off was sparked by HSBC's announcement Monday that it had lent a total of \$787 million to the ailing real estate giant Olympia & York Developments Ltd. and by speculators who were unloading the stock now that the takeover of Midland was consid-

ered to be a foregone conclusion. "I think there were a lot of peo-ple playing arbitrage." Ms. Gren-ning said. "Now that the game is over, they are getting out."

Mr. Purves predicted the stock would rise again on the back of heavy institutional buying once HSBC shares became a constituent of the FT-SE 100 and the Financial

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Crédit Lyonnais Near Deal For Stake in Aerospatiale

PARIS - A spokesman for Aerospanale, the state-held aerospace and defense concern, said Tuesday that the government-controlled bank Credit Lyonnais was ready to take a stake in the company. In May, Aerospatiale said it expected an accord with Crédit Lyon-nais by the end of 1992 and said a preliminary audit valued the comp-

any at 15 billion to 20 billion francs (\$2.81 billion to \$3.74 billion). The spokesman was commenting on a report in La Tribune de l'Expansion, a basiness newspaper, which said the bank was ready to pay 1.5 billion francs for an Aerospatiale stake of about 10 percent.

The Aerospatiale spokesman said it was too early to put precise figures on the proposal. A Crédit Lyonnais spokesman said the article in La Tribune was broadly correct but refused to give details.

The newspaper said the proposal was awaiting approval by the Fin-ance Ministry, but said the government was hesitating because it leared objections from the EC Commission. The Aerospatiale spokesman said there was no reason for the EC to block the deal,

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Hongkong Bank Holders 40 Products BT Is Pressed to Cut Charges Approve Midland Deal Back Zenith Regulator's Proposals Could Slash Profit

LONDON - A regulatory body on Tuesday put

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Zenith Data Systems. the U.S. subsidiary of the French state-controlled Groupe Bull, introduced a family of 40 computer products on Tuesday in a drive to boost its share of the personal-computer market.

Zenith, purchased by Bull for \$511.4 million in 1989, previously concentrated on selling clones, lowpriced copies of expensive computers. But it is taking a more aggressive approach with machines that offer new technology and a better look.

"There are many things that our company is doing in order to come back to a leadership position in the industry," said Enrico Pesatori, president of Zenith Data. "This is part of the strategy that we studied and came out with a year ago. This is the product side of our story."

The new products include versions of desktop computers called Z-Station, four new lightweight per-sonal computers called Z-Sport, five new monitors and eight servers. Francis Lorentz, Bull's chair

man, said the company expected its new products to boost its European market share for personal computers in the coming 12 months. He said "it would be fair" to ex-

pect the company's overall personalcomputer market share to reach 7 percent, which would be equal to Bull's share of the overall systems market, while its share of the portable market should reach 10 percent. According to Dataquest Inc., the

market-research company, Bull had a 4.9 percent of the European personal-computer market in 1991 and 7.4 percent of the portable market. In 1991, Zenith Data earmarked \$2.5 billion in research money to standardize and boost compatibility

in its product line over five years. Mr. Pesatori also said International Business Machines Corp., which has a 5.68 percent stake in Bull, would soon introduce prodocts made and designed by Zenith. He refused to specify the products. Under an IBM accord with Bull, Zenith is to deliver more than

150,000 personal computers a year

to IBM. (AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

pressure on British Telecommunications PLC, one of

the world's most profitable companies, to cut its charges to customers BT should reduce its charges to 7.5 percent below the rate of inflation, from the previously set level of 6.25 percent below inflation, the Office of Telecom-

munications said. Stock analysts predicted the effect of the proposals would be to cut between £50 million and £150 million (\$92 million to \$275 million) from BT's profit in the financial year 1993-94. Investors pushed the shares down 6.5 pence to 355 pence on the stock market.

BT, which recently reported its pretax profit slipped just 0.1 percent to £3,07 billion in 1991-92, despite recession, has two weeks to reply to proposals by the body, known as Oftel.

A BT spokesman said the proposals, which also included one calling for separate accounting from BT's various units, were "barsher than we expected and raise some serious business issues which will take time for us to evaluate."

I am particularly concerned that the average residential customer should see some reduction in prices," said Oftel's director-general, Sir Brian Carsberg.
Politicians and the public make regular complaints that BT, which runs an effective monopoly in the

residential telephone market, has made massive profits since its privatization but that consumers have not benefited from markedly better services or lower prices. The move is the strongest Oftel has made to cootrol the telecommunications companies since BT's privan-

jump in pretax profit in its first said profit was helped by a 27 per-

In the year ended March 29, two big power generators in Eng-

LONDON - Brent Walker PLC, a British pub operator, and John

Labatt Ltd., a Canadian brewer, said on Tuesday they were joining forces

About 2,000 pubs owned by Brent Walker's Pubmaster unit will stock

batt, and the two intend to participate in a joint venture, Mapleleaf Inns

Ltd., that is negotiating to buy 1,000 pubs from undisclosed sellers. The two

Britain's brewers have to dispose of a large part of their estates to meet

Labatt is providing the cash for the joint venture. Pubmaster will have an

option to buy a 50 percent stake in it between July 1993 and March 1997.

operations would bring the oumber of pubs serving the brand to 10,000.

regulations imposed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Brent Walker to Sell Labatt Beers

LONDON - PowerGen PLC

reported Tuesday a 32 percent

year after privatization, beating an-

to increase Labatt's market share in Britain.

alysts' forecasts.

BT could ehallenge the oew recommendations but would have to take its complaiots to the government's Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which would oot be expected to be sympathetic.

Sir Brian said that in addition to a break for customers, he wanted "arrangements that will allow fair opportunities for BT's competitors." He said BT's call charges needed to be cut by a figure

equal to the inflation rate measured by the Retail Price Index, minus 7.5 percentage points, for a four-year period from August 1993 to July 1997. The index was up percent in April 1992 from April 1991.

Sir Brian also said the maximum connection charge should be cut to £99 from £152.75.

He said he wanted British Telecom to separate its financial accounts to show the performance of its various units. "I have come to the view that more needs to be done to ensure that operators and the public can have confidence that BT is treating competitors fairly," he said. "I have concluded that accounting separation of BT's businesses is the best way

Commenting on the implications for BT's earnings, James Ross, telecommunications analyst at the Hoare Govett brokerage, said: "I must stress that it's only back-of-envelope stuff at the moment but we could be looking for £50 million off profits in 1993-94. Martin Mabbutt at Nomura Research said the review was much tougher than anticipated, adding, "It

looks like Carsberg's gooe for the jugular." He sees the review costing £100 million to £150 million of profits.

tion industry

pending on the British economy. It

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Analysts bad expected a profit of

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(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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 Tarmac PLC, a British construction group, said it would not post a pretax profit in the 1992 first half, because of the lingering recession · British Aerospace PLC said it had launched a new family of 70- to 115sear regional jets; the jets are upgraded versions of its 146 model. Unigate PLC, a British food-processing group, said pretax profit rose 22

percent, to £92.2 million (\$169.6 million), in the year ended in March. Norway's Central Bureau of Statistics lowered its estimate of 1992 mainland gross domestie product growth, which excludes oil and shipping, to 1.4 percent from 1.6 percent, citing weak export markets. Spanish unemployment fell in May to 14.7 percent of the work force, or

2.21 millioo people, from 15 percent in April, the Labor Ministry said. Britain's Department of Trade and Industry said it would not refer TI Group PLC's bid for Dowty Group PLC, a rival engineering company, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

 Procordia AB of Sweden said its United Brands subsidiary reached a preliminary agreement to buy Swedish Match BV, a maker of matches and lighters, from a consortium of owners for an undisclosed sum. Vosper Thornycroft Holdings PLC, a British shipbuilding and engineering company, said profit rose 12 percent, to £16 million, in the year ended

March 31, despite problems in the defense industry; sales rose 12 percent. · Vodafone Group PLC, a British telecommunications manufacturer, said pretax profit rose 11 percent, to £271.8 million, for the year ended March 31, on an 8 percent rise in revenue. British Petroleum Co. and Statoil of Norway have signed a production-

sharing contract with PetroVietnam for an oil-exploration block near the Dai Hung offshore field, BP officials said.

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PECHINEY:

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standing sideline for Pechiney, which in addition to aluminum production has core activities in packaging and aeronautical parts.

not have in its hands the cards necessary to build a long-term strategy in the nuclear sector," said tts chairman, Jean Gandois.

Pechiney's nuclear-related activities included fuel making, uranium. Processing and transport and storare of radioactive materials. The than 3 percent of Pechiney's 1991

Robert Sassoon, analyst with County NatWest in London, said before the deal was announced that it might be a good time for Pechiney to leave the nuclear sector, which

This would bring in much-needed funds for Pechiney," Mr. Sassoon said, noting that Pechiney's net debt at the end of 1991 stood at 24.5 billion francs and its

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Activities is the latest in a string of year, its packaging and aeronauti-cal parts group, Pechiney Interna-67.9 percent from 74.1 percent by selling existing shares to the public.

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and I think it's a reflection of bad management and arrogance." Despite its profits in Europe, GM posted a loss of \$2 billion for 1990 and a record \$4.5 billion loss

for 1991. Mr. Lopez declined to be interviewed. But a look at what he did in Europe after taking over purchasing in 1987 suggests that a brutal shakeup looms for the companies that. provide GM with about \$50 billionworth of paris and components.

Preaching his maxim that "productivity improvements of just 10 percent are nothing," Mr. Lopez re-lentlessly switched GM Europe's purchases of parts to manufacturers in cheaper areas. He also became personally involved in reorganizing the way parts-makers operate.

Mr. Smith, the GM Europe vice

president, said that in 1986, a year in which GM Europe's losses to-taled \$340 million, bringing its ac-cumulated losses since 1979 to Per Shore 1.32 1.39 Profit 25.980. 49.990. Met inc. 61.20 55.70 per Shore 17.44 25.57 per Shore 0.75 0.69 decmed acceptable because Germany is by far the largest market for Opel, the leading brand name for Opel, the leading brand n

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GM: Reformer Aims to Bring Success in Europe to U.S.

Not content with changing supworkshops" - no-bolds-barred may be completely reorganized to

Johnsoo Controls Automotive Systems, a seat supplier based in Geel, Belgium. During a four-day sessent supplier based in Europe. sioo, desigo and processing changes were plotted that should, according to GM Europe, cut the

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the supply of components had increased as much as 79 percent, plunged to 40 percent. "We've and had averaged 42 percent. Mr. Smith said Mr. Lopez man-

PowerGen's Earnings Surge 32%

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Mr. Lopez will be similarly successful in winning over U.S. manufacful in winning over U.S. manufac-For example, in February, a turers. He is likely to face resis-group of GM Europe specialists headed by Mr. Lopez descended on producers and from labor unions if

Bot the bait he used in Europe seems to be on the Lopez menu in the United States. Suppliers say he has talked of lifetime contracts and offering new opportunities to become suppliers to both GM North America and GM Europe. Up to ductivity improvements at compa-nies subjected to his blitzkrieg had been kept distinct.

GT INVESTMENT FUND

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable Registered Office: 2, boulevard Royal, L-2953 Luxembourg R.C. Luxembourg No B-7443

Notice is bereby given to the shareholders, that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of shareholders of GT INVESTMENT FUND will be held at the offices of Banque loternationale à Luxembourg, Société Anonyme, 69, route d'Esch. L-1470 Luxembourg, on Friday, 19th June. 1992 at 10.00 a.m. with the following agenda:

1. To hear and accept the Reports of: a. The Directors

b. The Auditor.

2. To approve the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1991 including the Statement of Net Assets as at 31st December, 1991 and Statement of Operations for the year ended 31st December, 1991.

3. To discharge the Board of Directors and Auditor with respect of their performance of duties from 1st January, 1991 to 31st

4. To elect as Directors to serve until the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders: D.H. FitzWilliam-Lay, A. Elvinger, J.A. Dick, M. Kii, Y. Hashimoto, H. Nakajima, D.N. Ledeboer, J. Vroegop, F. Wagner. 5. To elect as Auditor to serve until the next Annual General Meeting

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7. To approve the payment of Directors' fees of \$ 7,000 each.

8. Any other business. 9. Adjournment.

The shareholders are advised that no quorum is required for the items on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting and that decisions will be taken on a simple majority of the shares present or represented

In order to take part at the meeting of 19th June, 1992, the owners of bearer shares will have to deposit their shares five clear days before the meeting with one of the following banks who are authorized to receive the shares on deposit:

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Crédit Industriel et Commercial, 66, rue de la Victoire,

- Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, 2, boulevard Royal. L-2953 Luxembourg

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of FIDELITY FAR EAST FUND, a société d'investissement à capital variable organised under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "Fund"), will be held at the registered office of the Fuod. Kansallis House, Place de l'Etoile, Luxembourg, at 11:00 a.m. on June 30, 1992, for the following purposes:

1. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors. 2. Presentation of the Report of the Auditor.

3. Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended February 29,

4. Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor.

5. Election of six (6) Directors, specifically the reelection of Messrs. Edward C. Johnson 3d, Barry R. J. Bateman, Charles T. M. Collis, Charles A. Fraser, Jean Hamilius and H. F. van den Hoven.

6. Election of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg. Declaration of a cash dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended February 29, 1992. and authorisation of the Board of Directors to declare further dividends in respect of fiscal year 1992 if necessary to enable the Fund to qualify for "distributor" status under United Kingdom tax law.

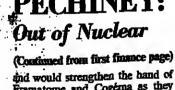
8. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Approval of the above Items of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented at the meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to be present. Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund with regard to ownership of shares which constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3 %) of the outstanding shares, each share is entitled to one vote. A Shareholder may act at any meeting by proxy.

Dated: May 7, 1992

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS





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GT EUROPE FUND

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable Registered Office: 2, boulevard Royal, L-2953 Luxembourg R.C. Luxembourg No B-21108

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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India Scam Touches Politics Opposition Party Demands Resignations

New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - A \$1 billion banking and securities scandel, the largest in India's history, has rapidly spread through the stock markets and system and is now creeping onto the

Several major banks, including the State Bank of India, the country's largest, have found themselves short by hundreds of millions of dollars after making dubicos losus to stock speculators. In addition, a leading securities broker is behind

bars, the chairmen of several banks have been forced to resign and one committed spicide. Opposition political leaders, saying the govern-ment is covering up the scandal or at least allowed it to occur through negligence, are demanding the resignation of the finance minister and the head of the central bank. The prime minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, has ordered a special court created to

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try those associated with the scandal. For two months, investigators have been decoding computer disks, raiding homes and offices and going through rooms filled with documents to try to unravel the extent of the financial frand.

The investigations led to the filing of charges last week against 10 brokers and bankers, including Hambad Mehts, a flamboyant Bombay securities dealer. He is charged with fraud in securities trades, bribery, using forged documents and conspiracy, Still, the exact nature and extent of the financial misdeeds and bank losses have not been detailed.

What is clear is that a half-dozen big banks provided hundreds of millions of dollars of unsecured loans to brokers to finance securities speculation. By last week, more than \$1 billion was missing from the ledgers, leaving some of the banks technically insolvent.

While he has not granted interviews about the charges against him, Mr. Mehta sent a letter to the Central Burean of Investigation, vigorously defending himself. "Neither I nor any of my compainies have done anything in violation of any law,"
the letter said. "All our transactions have been in

accordance with prevailing practice — a practice which is by no means secret or claudestine."

In a buying frenzy, the Bombay Stock Exchange index more than doubled in the last year. But in late April, news began to spread that Mr. Mehts might have skated beyond the fuzzy edges of Indian securihave skated beyond the fuzzy edges of Indian securi-ties laws to gain control of more than one-third of the State Bank of India's business in government securities. That is also when it and other banks were found to be holding worthless promissory notes for hundreds of millions of dollars. The stock market began a plunge that has sent the Bombay index down from 4,466.90 to its current level of 3,154.23; the index gained 53.57 points on Tuesday.

The size of the scandal, trumpeted daily across the front pages of the country's newspapers, has created a climate of fear among political leaders and a spirit of vengeance among the government's left-wing opposition, which feels betrayed by the yearlong march toward a free-market economy.

As a result, Mr. Mehta and the others arrested so far have been denied bail and are being forced to sleep on the cement floor of holding cells in a Bombay police station. A government directive has ordered that Mr. Mehta's assets be confiscated. When Mr. Rao, the prime minister, announced

the abandonment of the country's long romance with socialism last year, no one was more delighted than the brokers and traders of the Bombay Stock Exchange, people who believed that it was finally permissible to make money in India.

For months, the customary bedlam of Dalal, or "Trader," Street, site of the stock exchange, has approached a frenzy resembling a well-shaken beelive. On the exchange floor, the normally unrestrained blue-jacketed traders have hustled with a new-found ferocity that drove the exchange index up more than 60 percent in just three months

before the decline began.

The chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board, G.V. Ramakrishna, said: "Most players in the capital markets felt they were beyond regulation. We are now trying to bring about some sensible regulations of the market in line with other developing countries' capital markets."

Hong Kong

HONG KONG - Hong Kongbased businesses' confidence has companies disclosed Tuesday. turned around dramatically, bolstered by increased international

recognition of the economic syner-gy between the colony and China's Guangdong Province, plus renewed support for economic re-form by Beijing, said the sponsor of a survey released Tuesday. The study, commissioned by the American Chamber of Commerce

in Hong Kong, showed that 30 percent of the 405 respondents viewed the investment environment in China over the next five years as "very favorable," up from 8 percent a year earlier. Only 11 percent found investment prospects for Hong Kong over the same period to be "not favorable," down from 22 percent in 1991.

Asked about their confidence in the colony's future after it returns ese sovereignty in mid-1997, 62 percent said they were more confident than a year earlier, up from 48 percent in 1991.

"The combination of the Hong Kong-Guangdong connection is exciting the imaginations of a lot of people," said John C. Wilson, cochairman of the American Chamber of Commerce's trade and investment committee.

All of the respondents, which comprised companies involved in sales and marketing, manufacturing and trading, are members of the American Chamber of Commerce, but only 76 percent are connected with the United States.

Confidence Japan's Insurers Divert Increases in Cash to Company Loans

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Japan's five biggest life insurers, under pressure to increase returns on assets, are investing more than half of their new income in corporate loans, the

The five - Nippon Life Insurance Co., Dai-Ichi Mutual Life, Sumitomo Life, Meiji Mutual Life and Asahi Life - said that loans to corporations accounted for an average of 56.3 percent of new investments in the year ended March 31.

Japan's singgish stock market, relatively low government bond yields and a higher prime lending rate make corporate loans an attractive alternative investment, the insurers said.

In some cases, the increase in lending to Japanese corporations means insurers are reducing their exposure to foreign securities mar-kets. "Our fundamental investment strategy is to reduce our exposure to relatively high-risk foreign securities and increasing low-risk investments such as loans," said a statement from Nippon Life, Japan's largest life insurer.

For the year ended in March, 11.7 percent of Nippon Life's total

Citizen, Hewlett to Make Tiny Disks

TOKYO — Citizen Watch Co. said Tuesday that it planned to launch production in September of the world's first 1.3 inch (33 mm) hard disk drive, developed by Hewlett Packard Co.

Citizen will make Hewlett Packard's Kittyhawk personal storage memo-

ries, for use in subnotebook and palmtop computers, on jointly designed assembly lines. Hewlett Packard will handle the design, development and

sales of the ultra-micro memories, which weigh less than 32 grams (1 ounce)

and have storage capacities of 14 megabytes and 21.4 megabytes.

A spokesman for Citizen said the smallest hard-disk drives now available

were 1.8 inch devices from NEC Corp., and several American companies.

assets of 29.5 trillion yen (\$232.6 billion) was invested in foreign secarities, down from 13.1 percent the previous year. Loans accounted for 41.1 percent of total asset allocation for the year, up from 40.1 percent the previous year.

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Overall, Japan's top eight life insurers — which together account for more than 75 percent of the assets held at the nation's 26 lifeinsurance companies - posted assets of 110.31 trillion ven in 1991-92, for an average 8.5 percent growth, the slowest since the end of World War II. The top five had assets of 90.14 trillion yen.

Economists say insurers are filling a domestic loan gap left by Japanese banks. Banks have reigned in lending to meet new in-ternational guidelines that say loans must be proportional to scarce bank capital.

After increasing by an annual rate of roughly 20 percent in the late 1980s, asset growth at life in-surers is slowing because other financial institutions, such as banks and casualty insurers, are offering and savings products to individual investors. (Bloomberg, Reuters

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· Hitachi Metals Lat. has developed a system under which a magnet helps fix false teeth to a stainless-steel plate embedded in the roof of the mouth. · Electricorp, New Zealand's state power company, said generation capacity would run out by early July unless rain boosted lake levels. • Banque Paribas is to lead a banking syndicate that will finance the \$3! million launch of Thailand's first earth satellite next year by the European group Arianespace, industry sources said.

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of ABB's sales are in Europe, about one-fifth in North America, and the remainder in Asia, Australia, and developing countries.

CSX Corporation

CSX Corporation, with assets of \$13 billion and 1991 revenue of \$8.6 billion, is an international transportation services company with principal busi-



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C TOCKHOLM — Can Euro 92, the soccer championship, deliver the ntertainment denied us at the World Cup two years ago? It is a tall order. There is no Cameroon in the tournament that starts Wednesday, no closet harboring a team whose talents and attitudes return the game to

But there is hope, primarily from the Netherlands, the team that triumphed in style at the European Championship of 1988. If the Dutch play half as confidently as they sound, we shall have our Cameroonians clad in orange and attacking with a flair that dares opponents to score or be heavily scored against.

The Dutch players, having miserably shot themselves in their millionaire feet in 1990 in Italy, swear they will put on the style in Sweden. There is cause to believe that, big though Rund Gullit & Co. are, the tournament motto, "Small Is Beautiful," will

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prevail. Small stadiums in Stockholm, Malmo, Gothenburg and Norkopping. A small field: eight teams, as opposed to the World Cup's 24. Far fewer games - 15 compared to the 52 matches crammed into a World Cup that starts in a crawl of caution

and ends up a trial of stamina. I move a shade too quickly. A modern tournament must be seen from three perspectives: How safe will it be? How entertaining? And how

strong are the contenders? Sweden has put \$35 million into security, a sum never before laid ont for law and order in that land of 8.5 million people.

Exacerbated by rightist insurgence, Germany is king of the new league of soccer louts. Sweden itself is suffering a wave of rowdyism, with 114

fans of AIK Stockholm arrested last month. The AIK "Black Army" styled itself on Manchester United's "Red Army" of the 1970s, and although England's policing has suppressed

hooliganism, guilt remains.
"We were the pariahs of European football," said David Mellor, the British minister for sport and culture. "Things are on the up, and Lennart Johanson" — the Swedish president of UEFA — "has been a great friend in getting England back in from the cold. I'm just going to pray every

night that some yob does not go out to Sweden and screw it all up for us. Not quite parliamentary language, but Mellor is a man of soccer, once a man of the terraces where honliganism began. His prayers are matched in Sweden, whose federation has hired 20 clergymen to go among the fans and spread the gospel that the "goal is Iriendship."

Theirs is a sober message. One only hopes that the other Swedisb experiment, trying to draw fans away from city areas with the lure of

cheap beer, does not backfire. Alcohol has long been accused of lubricating the violence. Sweden is gambling on beer tents representing the antithesis to an unfriendly, attritional greeting.

"The way things have been organized, people always expected trouble and so there was," one official said. "We want people to come and enjoy it." The best of luck to you, sir.

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ball rates the teams in this order: THE NETHERLANDS: Favorites. "Virtually everybody on our squad has won something this year with their clubs," points out Marco van Basten. "Everybody is full of confidence. It's been great in training everybody is working hard for their places."

Van Basten's own striking edge has more of the 1988 honing than its 1990 dullness. Gullii is litter oow, and Frank Rijkaard, "the poet footballer," is eager once more. Ron Koeman may be slow in defense, but has awesome power in his left foot. And young Ajax forwards Dennis

Bergkamp and Bryan Roy are bursting into flower.

GERMANY: Betting against the world champion is a mug's game. But the oew manager, Berti Vogts, hasn't the inspiration of Franz Beckenbauer. He has lost the injured leader Lothar Matthaus, and the new skipper, Rudi Völler, is now an aging Fagin scoring through stealth rather than speed. It leaves a lot of creating for the diminutive Thomas Hässler. FRANCE: Jean-Pierre Papin is by no stretch of the imagination the

Demmark

finest to wear French blue. But he is the goal-hungry focal point of the new generation: small, pugnacious, fierce with either foot. The enigmatic Eric Cantona possesses wonderful touch, and Laurent Blanc, the libero, the attacking sweeper, moves like silk. Defensively, France is vulnerable,

and no one knows if this team has the temperament for a grand stage. ENGLAND: For sure, the English have the fighting spirit. "Stuart's face can be almost wild," the manager, Graham Taylor, once said of marauding fullback Stuart Pearce. "I need that." Now more than ever. England's players have dropped like flies, and without Paul Gascoigne and John Barnes the team has too much industry, too little flair, Des Walker is a class defender, Gary Lineker a great goal poacher. But one might oeed a magnifying glass to see creativity between defense and

SWEDEN: The bome advantage ought 10 rouse the cool Swedes. Tomas Brolin, a bubbly quick mover, is one of 11 earning their fortunes abroad. The new manager, Tommy Svensson, liberates the overly defen-sive team, giving Jonas Thern and Stefan Schwarz license to take risk. But even if Brolin excels, even if winger Anders Limpar feeds strikers Kennet Andersson and Martin Dahlin, a semifinal is the best Sweden expects.

DENMARK: Maybe I place the Danes too low. They replace Yogoslavia with technique and athleticism and a colossal goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel, Brian Laudrup can galvanize the team, Fiemming Povisen schemes and scores, and Bent Christensen reminds me of Preben Elk-

jaer's bull-like charges of the 1980s. Sadly, the manager, Richard Moller-Nielsen, has left out Jan Molby, and Michael Laudrup refuses to play

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COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES: The Soviet Union finished second in 1988, and won the Olympic gold that year. But do its gifted individuals really believe in the Commonwealth? No country of that name exists, merely a label of convenience that is to expire after this summer's Olympics. This is one last hurah for the combined might of Ukramians like Alexei Mikhailichenko, whose moods swing from moody to magnificent; Russians like Igor Shalimov, for whom Inter Milan has paid \$12 million; and Georgians like Ahkrik Tsveiba, who comes out of defense to shoot on sight. Under pressure, the team defends padly, and I doubt it will play through pain for a white and blue flag and the Olympic anthem.

SCOTLAND: "The tougher the opposition, the better our players raise their game," says the manager, Andy Roxburgh. His Scots love to battle, to run swiftly. If they pull off one big upset, the bagpipes will swirl in the highlands. Realistically, it is a long shot. Paul McStay, 27, is a playmaker yet to deliver the promise of his youth. Ally McCoist scores every week in Scotland but is no Lineker or van Basten. Pat Nevin is a cheeky flyweight winger more decorative than potent. But Scotland is the kind of team to make fools of bettors, so ignore me and enjoy the game.

Rob Hughes is on the stuff of the Sanday Times.

In Opening Match, Big Guns, Defense

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STOCKHOLM — Host Sweden and Group I favorite France will roll out their superguns when they face each other Wednesday night in the opening match of the European Championship of soccer. Swedish hopes rest on the strik-

ing power of young forward Tomas Brolin, nicknamed "Baby Bomber," while France relies on the European player of the year, Jean-Pierre Papin.

Michel Platini, France's coach, has opted for a three-man attack for the opening match. Pascal Va-hirua, the Tabiti-born left-winger, got the vote ahead of Christian Perez and will line up with Papin and Leeds United striker Eric Cantona. Captain Manuel Amoros, who came on in the second half for last

Friday's 1-1 draw with Holland in a friendly match, will start, as Platini has chosen to keep the same formation that the Dutch coach, Rinus Michels, described as defensive. France will have a five-man de-

fense with only Marseille team-mates Didier Deschamps and Franck Sauzėe as nominal mid-

In a match that seems likely to be dominated by well-entrenched de-fenses, the ability of Brolin and Germany's captain. Rudi Völler Papin to exploit the slightest chink in the opposition's armor could be

The Swedes have conceded just two goals in their last six warmup matches. "On top form, we are capable of beating anybody," said their manager, Tommy Svensson.

Brohn has been in good form this season, helping Parma to win the Italian Cup with a victory over Juventus in the final. Scorer of nine goals in 16 matches for his country, Brolin and his midfield suppliers. Anders Limpar of Arsenal and Jonas Thern of Benfica, will be the men Platini will warn his team

Papin, who has scored 13 goals enced central defense of Jan Eriksson and Patrik Andersson.

Platini may be alarmed by a lack of creativity in midfield, once the great strength of the French, and the first warnings of holes in de-

proaching this match," he said. One is to say, oh no, this is the opening match of the European Championship and to feel under pressure. The second is to think, oh yes, it's great to be here in front of millions of television viewers. It's good for our image. The second is my approach."

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The probable teams: Sweden: Thomas Ravelli; Roland Nilsson, Jan Erikason, Patrik Andersson, Joachim Bjorklund; Stefan Rehn, Jonas Them, Stefan Schwarz,

Tomas Brolin. France: Bruno Martini; Jocelyn Angloma, Basile Boli, Laurent Blanc, Bernard Casoni, Manuel Amoros; Djdier Deschamps, Franck Sauzee, Pascal Vahkua: Jean-Pierre Papin,

(Reuters, AFP) ■ Wright Told to Rest

England will have to wait until the weekend to find out whether injured sweeper Mark Wright will play in the championship, Reuters reported from Stockholm.

Wright, the Liverpool captain has been ordered to rest his Achilles' tendon injury after getting h second opinion of the injury from a London specialist

Germany's captain, Rudi Völler, confirmed Tuesday that he is considering a move from Roma to Olympique Marseille, the French champion, Agence France-Presse

reported from Norrkoping.
The French team said Tuesday that "contacts have been made and it is most likely" that English strik-er Chris Waddle will play for Leeds next season if Völler is signed.

■ Platt Goes to Juventus English forward David Platt's long-rumored transfer to Juventus of Turin was confirmed Tuesday by club officials, The Associated Press

reported from Turin. They said Bari, Platt's former, team, had agreed on the transfer of in his 10 last games for France, will the 26-year-old player for an esti-be the problem for an inexperi-mated 14 billion lire (\$11.6 million).

Juventus will pay about 10 bitlion lire in cash and give Bari midfielder Angelo Alessio. Platt will sign a three-year contract on his return to Italy, Juventus officials said. According to unconfirmed refense. If so, he does not show it. ports he would get about \$1 million "There are two ways of ap- a year with Juventus.

BOOKS

ALL THE PRETTY HORSES

By Cormac McCarthy. 302 pages. 50th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Reviewed by Herbert Mitgang

WO boys run away from the home place in Texas and light out for a new territory. Instead of poling a raft, they ride their own horses; instead of going down the Mississippi, they cross the Rio Grande into Mexico, Unlike the Mexicans who are treated like strangers or worse when they head oorth, the young Americans are treated like oeighbors by the Mexicans they encounter. The two cultures do not yet clash.

The time of which Cormac McCarthy writes in "All the Pretty Horses" is 1950. The reader is about to be spurred by the author on an unforgettable journey: part literary, part adventure, part romance, part dream. A half-dozen of the American and Mexican characters in McCarthy's novel are memorable and make "All the Pretty Horses" a major achievement. Individual horses and their owners play an essential, allegorical role in the plot.

This reader was put off at first by the author's all ton writerly writing. His joined words, without hyphenation, and his unpunctuated, breathless sentences, call 100 much attention to themselves. Used sparingly, such devices can still be highly effective, but they seemed more

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original when perfected long ago by James Joyce and John Dos Passos. Yet once McCarthy sends his young Americans oo their adventuresome ride across \$21. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 201 East the border, the novel attains beroic di-

The main character, 16-year-old John Grady, is the product of a broken bome. His father, a former World War II rifleman, cannot find a place for himself on the old family ranch; his mother is somewhere in California, dreaming of an acting career. He and his friend, Lacey Rawlins, 17, saddle up and take off for a oew beginning in Mexico, away from west Texas. Along the way, they are followed by a stranger, a hapless youngster of perhaps 13 or 14, named Jimmy

Blevins, whom they allow to join them.
"All the Pretty Horses" takes a oew turn when Grady and Rawlins get jobs as cowboys on a wealthy Mexican's ranch. Now we meet three other fascinating characters: the sophisticated ranch owner, who breeds fine horses and flies his own plane; his beautiful 17-year-old daughter, the reckless Alejandra, who

rides like the wind, and her grandaunt. Grady's way with horses gains the attention of the ranch owner. Soon the young American crosses the line from hired hand to household visitor. He and Alejandra secretly ride horses after midnight; inevitably, they fall in love. Her grandaunt is also charmed by Grady and, at one point, they play chess together. In one of the most moving scenes among many in the novel, the grandaunt eloquently tells Brady about her own life,

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about revolutionary Mexico and the role of women in her culture.

She explains: "The political tragedy in Spain was rehearsed in full dress 20 years earlier on Mexican soil. For those with yet everything. In the Spaniard's heart is great yearning for freedom, but only his own. A great love of truth and honor in all its forms, but not in its substance. And a deep conviction that nothing can be proven except that it be made to

bleed. Virgins, bulls, men. Ultimately, God himself."

In "All the Pretty Horses," the characters are also bloodied, but not before two of the Americans ride on, wounded but oovel says that this is the first volume of The Border Trilogy." It's wonderful to anticipate the next, and the next,

Herbert Mitgang is on the staff of The New York Times.

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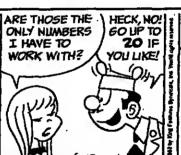






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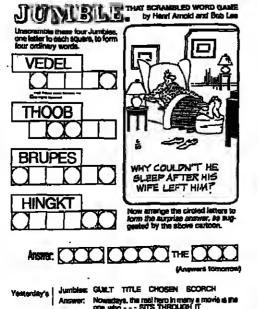




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Bulls' Scrappy Grant Big Reason They Are Winning on Defense

By Clifton Brown New York Times Service

handage that Horace Grant wore ever his left eye comes with his securiory, Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen get most of the glory and the commercial contracts for the Chicago Bulls. Grant gets the rebounds, the bumps and the bruises.

Every championship team has players willing to accept roles, and

Grant excels at accepting his.
The 6-foot, 10-inch (2.1-meter) power forward is a major reason why the Bulls hold a 2-1 lead over the Portland Trail Blazers in the National Basketball Association championship series as both pre-pared for Game 4 in Portland on

Grant leads the Bulls in rebounds (9 per game), blocked shots
(3) and shooting percentage (61.5 percent) during the series. And he still found time to average 13 points and 5 assists, in addition to playing strong defense against back Williams and Cliff Robinson. The Bulls know how important Grant is, and the increased number of note pads and cameras suriounding him after practice Monday suggested that others had no-

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Asked why he accepted averaging 5.3 shots during the series, Grant replied, "Because we win." "I'll do it as long as this team wins, as long as they give me the respect for what I do on the court and as long as I get a good salary," he said. "At my position, unless you're a Karl Malone or a Charles Barkley, you're not going to get the recognition. That's why a guy I really respect is Buck Williams. He's a lot like I am."

So far in this series, Grant and with Bulls have got the better of Williams (9.3 points, 8.3 rebounds) and Portland. Game 3, in which Grant had another strong performance (18 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, I blocked abot), was his kind of game.

"He suffered the cut over his eye when his goggles were knocked from his face while battling for a rebound. Yet Grant enjoyed the inside battling, and the Bulls loved the results. Chicago kept the Trail Blazers' fastbreak in check, forced them to commit 20 turnovers and

controlled the tempo.
The Bulls' defensive provess is often overlooked because of Jortian's offensive exploits. But few, if my, teams in the league are better at taking away an opponent's of-fensive strengths. Terry Porter, Portland's point guard, was partic-

mlarly ineffective in Game 3, while being held to 7 points. "We are blessed in having some remarkable athletes," said the as-issiant coach, John Bach, who works closely with Phil Jackson in developing the defensive game

plan. "You can certainly say Clyde Drexler, Jerome Kersey and Porter PORTLAND, Oregon - The are excellent athletes. But we also have extraordinary athletes in Pip-pen, Grant and Jordan: I call them the Dobermans. They are so quick

"We're fortunate that Michael can guard almost anyone, that Pipper can guard almost anyone, that Pipper can guard several people and that Grant can guard most of the big people. Portland forces you to cross-match, to switch defenders.

Drexier will run out after we take a shot, which forces Paxson to pick him up. That means Porter has to be picked up by somebody else. We were successful in keeping Portland from storming the basket because we made shots, got back on defense and defended. I'm sure they'll make adjustments, but I hope we can keep that same kind of

Intensity is rarely a problem for Grant, whose effervescent personality makes him one of the Bulls' most popular players. Ask Grant a question, and he will answer it. Sometimes be will answer even when no one asks.

Asked Monday whether he or his twin brother, Harvey Grant of the Washington Bullets, was the better player, Horace said:
"Of course, I am. I mean, Pm the solved. Federal Magistrate Bart

oldest. I was born nine minutes Erickson delayed sentencing until a earlier. I can't explain the reason, but I'm better." Asked why Jackson yells at him more than most players, Grant said: "Every team needs a scape-

goat and every coach needs a scapegoat. I'm the scapegoat for the team and Scottie's the scapegoat for the media. Phil does it because I can take it." Before the season, when Jordan failed to attend a White House cer-

emony honoring the Bulls for winning last year's title, Grant criticized Jordan, causing a mild controversy in the team. But Grant said he won't change. Whatever's on my mind, I say it," he said, "Whatever I feel like

saying, I do. It usually gets me in trouble, but I have to live with M Jordan Has Sore Heel

Jordan did not practice Monday because of a sore left heel, and was not expected to practice Tuesday, but said he hopes to play in

Wednesday night's game, the Los Angeles Times reported from Port-Jordan said the injury has bothered him off and on recently. He aggravated it in Sunday's game, when he stepped on the foot of the

dan said. He added that "it loosens up when I play but after games, after the sweat goes down, the soreness starts to come back. It was too much of a bother" on Sunday



Gets Howe Suspended

By Barbara Lloyd New York Times Service

MISSOULA, Montana - Steve Howe, 34, the relief pitcher for the New York Yankees who was arrested five months ago on drug charges, has been suspended indef-initely from baseball after he entered a guilty plea here to a charge of attempting to possess cocaine. Baseball's response to Howe's plea was substantive, but Howe's legal problems, which began with his arrest Dec. 19, remained unre-

hearing Aug. 18, but he indicated that Howe was unlikely to receive any time in prison. Howe's admission Monday of guilt, which was part of a plea bargain with federal prosecutors, was tied by his lawyers to a legal prece-dent known as the Alford clause.

That precedent, based on a murder case in North Carolina in 1970, means that Howe's guilty plea will not be considered final until the

sentencing hearing.

But the fact of the plea was enough for Fay Vincent, the com-missioner of major league baseball, to take action. A statement said Howe was being suspended "for violating baseball's drug policy." "The commissioner will ask Howe to meet with him as soon as practicable," the statement added, Howe, a left-hander who was 3-0

this season with six saves, had been suspended six times previously in his baseball career for substance abuse, most recently in 1986. He returned to the major leagues last year, when the Yankees signed him in May. Last November, Howe signed a one-year contract with them for a base salary of \$600,000

that, with incentives, could have grown to as much as \$2.3 million. A month later he was arrested on the Trail Blazers' Williams. two drug charges.

Until Monday, Howe had not been prevented from pitching for the Yankees, who lost another pitcher, Pascual Perez, to a oneyear drug suspension last March after a positive test for cocaine.

Mariners' Sale to Japan Group Approved

NEW YORK - Major league baseball's ownership committee unanimously recommended approval Tuesday of the sale of the Seattle Mariners to a Japanese-led group. The 26 major league teams are virtually certain to approve the deal on a final vote scheduled for Wednesday.

Three-quarters of the 14 American League teams and a majority of the 12 Nanal League teams must approve the sale, which was first proposed in January.

The group, headed by Hiroshi Yamauchi, president of Nintendo Co. Ltd. of Kyoto, made significant alterations in its proposal. and move the franchise to St. Petersburg. Although Yamauchi will contribute \$75 mil- Florida, where there is a domed stadium in lion of the \$125 million invested, he will have virtually no say in running the team.

"This venture is not going to be controlled outside North America," said Fay Vincent, the major leagues' commissioner. "This venture is not going to be controlled outside in the controlled outside in ture is going to be controlled in Seattle."

The Mariners' present owner Jeff Smulyan, who bought the team in September 1989 for about \$77 million, announced in December that the club was for sale. City and state officials feared that Smulyan would attempt to break the team's lease with the Kingdome

need of a baseball team

The Nintendo-led offer in January came only a month after baseball owners had turned down a proposal that would have allowed marseas ownership of up to 37 percent. After the proposal, Vincent said he

didn't think it would be approved. However, baseball's view changed after Seattle officials said there was no other alternative. In addition, Nintendo officials expressed a willingness to alter the proposal to conform John Ellis, chairman of Puget Sound Power & Light, will become the Mariners' chief executive officer. Vincent said Ellis had agreed to increase his investment from the \$10,000 that was in the original proposal. "Mr. Ellis has the total authority to run this

business." Vincent said. He said Yamauchi's role would be limited to "the power to approve certain transactions

in the realm of extraordinary events." Vincent said that involved such issues as deciding to sell the team and said that Yamauchi would have no involvement in baseball or budgetary decisions.

Jays Add To Yanks' **Depression** Blown away by the news of reliever Steve Howe's suspension, the New York Yankees then proceeded to get blown out by the Toronto Blue Jays. Jeff Kent and Manuel Lee each drove in four runs and Toronto pounded out a season-high 21 hits to rout the Yankees, 16-3, Monday ght in New York. The Blue Jays kept pace in the

AMERICAN LEAGUE American League East with the front-running Baltimore Orioles as Kent hit a two-run triple and Lee contributed a two-run single during an eight-run fourth. The Blue Jays sent 14 batters to the plate and got eight hits against starter Greg Ca-daret and reliever Rich Monteleone. Kent entered the game as a defensive replacement in the third inning after second baseman Roberto Alomar sprained his left knee while

trying to score.
Orioles 5, Red Sox 2: In Baltimore, Randy Milligan hit a tworun bomer against Boston during a four-run second that gave the Orioles their seventh victory in nine

White Sox 5, Angels 1: In Chicago, Jack McDowell held California to four hits over 7% innings for his first victory in four starts. Robin Ventura drove in two runs.

hit a grand slam and Cecil Fielder a three-run homer in a seven-run first in Detroit that began the rout of Royals 9, Twins 6: Keith Miller

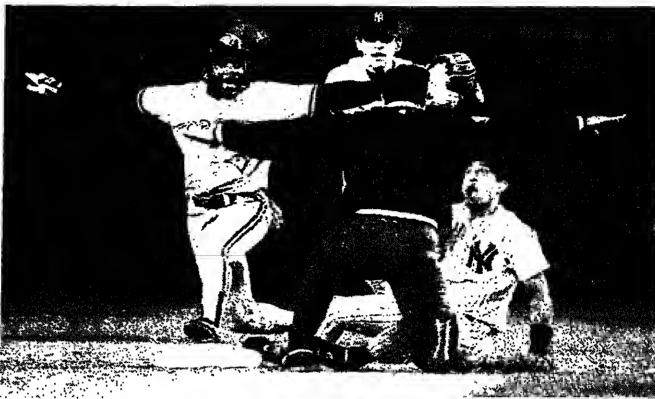
five-run rally in the sixth. Rangers 14, Mariners 3: Kevin

Brewers 6, Athletics 2: Bill Weg-

runs for Cincinnati, which has won
11 of 14.

Padres 3, Astros 2: Bruce Hurst, backed by homers from Tony

entering the night an anemic 3 for man scattered four hits over eight innings in Milwankee, and Darryl Hamilton drove home two runs to help beat Oakland.



Manny Lee and the umpire at second agreed on the call in the fourth inning, when the Jays added eight runs to the Yankees' misery.

Hill's 1-Hitter Upsets His Expos and Mets

Ken Hill pitched his first major league one-hitter Monday night, and most of his Montreal teammates thought it should have been

The only hit off Hill was by the New York Mets' starting pitcher, Authory Young, an infield single to shortstop with two outs in the

Hill went on to beat the Mets, 6-0, in Montreal. After the game there was considerable discussion about the decision on Young's hit. his right and might have thrown Young out had he not bobbled the ball. The official scorer said he

was hit deep into the hole. "If there was any question on the part of the official scorer, he should have put an error up and waited for 1 lifetime against them. a clean hit." Foley said. "We're at

game. I know the official scorer has ninth in 56 games this season. They Gwynn and Darrin Jackson, to make a decision on the spot. I were blanked nine times all of last pitched a four-hitter in San Diego feel bad personally. It wasn't a season, sharply hit ball. I couldn't find the "I h ball. I just wish it had been an

Several Expos disagreed with the official scorer and made gestures in

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the direction of the press box after

the game ended.
"If Foley had come up cleanly, he would have thrown him out," Shortstop Tom Foley ranged to Hill said. "But I'm just happy to win. I felt real on. I don't know what it's about with the Mets, but I have good success against them." walked four, shut out the Mets April 10 on a four-hitter in the New

York team's home opener. He is 6a clean hit," Foley said. "We're at The Mets were enduring their Padres 3, Astros 2: Bruce Hurst, home and Ken's pitching a great second straight shutour, and the backed by homers from Tony

Reds 4, Giants I: Greg Swindell, after giving up a leadoff homer to Darren Lewis, pitched eight strong innings in San Francisco and Chris Sabo homered and drove in two runs for Cincinnati, which has won

their manager, Jeff Torborg. "I

league shutout and doubled in two

runs during a six-run second

to beat Houston. Gwynn broke a 2-2 tie with one out in the seventh with his fifth

Braves 4, Dodgers 2: David Jus-Archi Ciantrocco and Rick Cerone each drove in two runs for the tice homered and drove in three runs in Los Angeles as Atlanta edged above the 500 mark for the Phillies 7, Pirates 0: In Philadelfirst time in two months with its phia, Cart Schilling pitched a three-hitter for his first major

fourth straight victory and its ninth in the last 10 games. Cubs 5, Cardinals 2; Cubs 6, Cardinals 4: Gary Scott and Jose Vizcaino, each batting under 200, keyed a four-run 13th inning in the first game in St. Louis, and Chicago

against Pittsburgh, Mariano Duncan hit a three-run homer that inmise imis

Sandberg had four hits in the Seattle, doubleheader with four RBI after Brew

Tigers 9, Indians 2: Milt Cuyler

homered and drove in four runs in Kansas City, which was helped by three Minnesota errors during a

completed a sweep behind Ryne Reimer, Juan Gonzales and Ruben Sandberg, who homered and drove Sierra homered in Arlington, Tex-

Horace Grant on why he respects the hard-working Buck Williams, right: "He's a lot like I am."

The U.S. Open and the Shut Out

The Associated Press

Greg Norman, as well as some other well-known golfers, has failed to qualify for the U.S. Open that will be played at Pebble Beach on June 18-21. Norman had to settle for an alternate's spot in Monday when he was part of an eight-way playoff

for the final four spots available at The Lakes Club in Columbus, Ohio, one of 10 qualifying sites.

Kirk Triplett and former Masters champion Larry Mize birdied the second playoff hole, after Peter Jacobsen and Brian Claar had won Open slots with birdies on the first playoff hole.

Mize had won his Masters in 1987 during playoff with Norman, sinking a lengthy chip shot.
"I'm disappointed, but at least I tried," said
Norman, who earned the alternate's spot with a par on the third extra hole.

Former U.S. Open champion Johnny Miller missed out at the Lake Merced Golf and Country Club in Daly City, California, as did teenage star

Tiger Woods.

Miller, who blitzed Oakmont for a closing 63 to take the 1973 Open, shot a pair of 77s.
Woods, at 16 the youngest player to tee off in a
PGA tournament when he played at the Los Angeles Open in February, had a 151.

Ben Crenshaw, a former Masters champion, had a 145 at Champions Golf Club in Houston and failed to reach the U.S. Open for the second straight year. Warren Schutte of South Africa, the 1991

NCAA champion from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, shot 142 and led four qualifers at Big Foot Country Club in Fontana, Wisconsin.

SIDELINES

IAAF Warns U.S. to Bar Reynolds

LONDON (AP) — The United States risks having all of its 400-meter numers banned from the Barcelona Games if Butch Reynolds competes in the U.S. Olympic trails this month, the IAAF's general secretary, Istvan Gyulai, said Tuesday.

Reynolds, who set the world record of 43.29 in 1988, was banned for two years by the IAAF in 1990 after testing positive for an anabolic steroid at a meet in Monte Carlo, He denies using steroids and blames the

positive test ou a laboratory mixup.

In Columbus, Ohio, U.S. District Judge Joseph Kinneary extended Monday for 10 days an order allowing Reynolds to compete at track meets; on June 18, Kinneary will consider issuing a preliminary injunction that will determine whether Reynolds can compete in the Olympic trials that begin June 19 in New Orleans.

For the Record

Mario Cipollini got his third stage victory in the Tour of Italy on Tuesday, beating fellow Italian Adriano Baffi in a crowded sprint to the

finish of the 17th stage; Miguel Indurain of Spain, who finished in the same time as the winner, remained the overall leader for the 15th day in a row.

Pat Cash of Australia, a former champion, and Henri Leconte of France were given wildcard entries Tuesday into the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

Rick Bowness was fired Monday as coach of the Boston Bruins after a rookie season in which he took the team to the Stanley Cup semifinals; NHL team officials said his predecessor, Mike Milbury, may get the job. (AP)

get the job. The USOC nominated former Olympic athletics coach LeRoy Walker to become its president for the four years leading to the 1996 Games in Atlanta. (Reuters)

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Stressed Out: Who, Me?

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — The voters are saying, "In your face, Bush!" They are saying, "In your face,

Clinton! That's because the voters are stressed out. That's the only word for the American voter: stressed out. What's that? You think I should

say, "Those are the only words for the electorate: stressed out"? You are telling me "stressed out" is two words?

'Stressed out" are not one word? In your face, buddy! You're even more stressed out than the electorate.

The only reason I write "stressed out" as two words is because a bunch of editors carrying a heavy load of stress-out have absolutely no respect for the way Americans really talk

"In your face, American talkers!" That's the attitude these stressed-out editors take.

When Americans tell you they're stressed out, which is practically every waking minute they're not busy saying "in your face," they don't waste their breath saying

They say one word: "strestout." So get out of my face with your stressed-out, lint-picker, grammarteacher, authoritarian-establishment-oppressor, dead-white-male pronouncements on the good old American language.

You say I seem a little stressed out myself? Sure I'm stressed out. You'd be stressed out too, if you had less than 750 words to explain the big inyour-face stress-out that is revolutionizing American politics at this very instant, and you had to waste half that precious space getting some stressed-out nitpicker grammarian out of your face.

Besides, what kind of American would I be if I wasn't stressed out? I'd be the kind of American who cares about the subjunctive mood, so says "if I weren't stressed out." I say, "In your face, subjunctive mood! In your face, 'weren't!' "

(Editor's Interruption: We apologize, ladies and gentlemen, for our cohomnist's somewhat overwrought tone in the foregoing, which has com-pelled us to have him so forcefully removed by those rather large gentlemen, or "Columnist Removers" as they are designated in our Newspa-

The strain of trying to think of something fresh to say about the Ross Perot situation has apparently caused a momentary loss of self-con-

Backstage at this very moment, however, he is being caned with wet birches by our trained staff of "Columnist Birchers," as they are designated in our guild contract. This normally has a splendid calming effect on our columnists, and we expect him to reappear at any moment, quite restored intellectually, or, if you will forgive my little pun — dis-stressed out. In fact, here he is now.)

A columnist's business is profound thought. That thought must never be so profound, however, that it cannot be expressed in 700 words, and sometimes in 300 or fewer. This explains why Immanuel Kant and Marcel Proust never

wrote newspaper columns. At this vital turning point in history, nothing requires more pro-found thought than Ross Perot. It is not enough to conclude, as Mrs. F. T. of Far Hills, New Jersey, writes: "Ross Perot appeals, but I don't trust men from Texas. Their grandiose self-effacing manner and large ears scare me.

Hence, I have thought onward to profounder conclusions, as follows: I. Will we love him in November

as we did in May? Only time will 2. The presidential primary system, responsible for nominating two major-party candidates without much popular appeal, is dead, dead, dead, and ought to be buried before it kills the two major parties.

3. The two major parties may, in fact, already be dead, too —dead as the Whigs and Federalists. The Democrats, in fact, have been brain dead for years and the Republicans moribund since betting the old homestead on communism going on forever and giving their hearts to a president who was down on govern-ment worse than Huck Finn's Pap.

4. The voters are furious because when they needed leadership to rise above their own selfishness, all they got were presidents who followed the polls and Congresses that followed the lobbies. In your face, presidents! In your face, Congresses! (Editor: Here, here: Come quietly

New York Times Service



By Stuart Elliott New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Yes, it seemed inevitable: Batman sells again. The Caped Crusader is back for a second try at SMASH! HIT! status at the box office, but Warner Brothers is peddling the movie "Batman Returns" far differently from the way it promoted "Batman" in the summer of 1989.

Warner, its marketing partners and merchandising licensees are expected to spend upward of \$100 million in the weeks just before and after the film's U.S. release on June 19. Already, television viewers can watch commercials sponsored by Diet Coke, McDonald's and Choice Hotels, featuring footage and characters from the movie, in addition to Warner's own commercials and theatrical trailers aimed at rebuilding interest in the goings-on in Gotham City.

Warner faces one of the trickiest tasks in marketing: trying to generate bat hoopla without deteriorating into bat hype. That is a crucial distinction.

The first "Batman" brought in \$251 million in receipts worldwide, ranking it sixth on the list of top-grossing films of all time. A flood of licensed merchandise, from T-shirts to Batman cereal, generated an additional \$500 million in retail sales.

"You want people to not be tired of it before they see the movie," said Robert G. Friedman, Warner's president of worldwide theatrical advertising and publicity in Bur-bank, California. "And you want them to be interested in the movie," he added, "not the hype about the movie."

So Warner decided to begin the "Batman Returns" campaign later than the studio started promoting "Batman," to prevent a surfeit of bat advertising from annoying consumers.

"We consciously kept the fires a little low-er," Friedman said, "and decided to turn up the heat closer to opening." For instance, he said, while the first film was promoted via coming attractions during the Christmas 1988 movie season, "this time, we kept out of the Christmas environment, and didn't start

A second difference was to concentrate on the three characters figuring in the second film's plot, emphasizing the Penguin, por-trayed by Danny DeVito, and Catwoman, played by Michelle Pfeiffer, as much as Batman, portrayed once more by Michael Keaton. The first time around, Batman and Keaton were the central focus (supplemented by Jack Nicholson's Joker, who is absent from Batman Returns").

"People, when they start to learn of se-

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quels, say, 'Oh, they just serve up the first movie again,' " Friedman said. "So the sec-ond time, it's important for us to detail more of the plot line and the characters."

For example, nationwide advertisements in newspapers last weekend consisted of three consecutive pages promoting —in the alpha-betical order that often keeps relations in Hollywood harmonious — DeVito, Keaton and Pfciffer.

The character campaign, which includes billboards and outdoor posters along with television and print ads, also helps to aim the film at an older audience, Friedman said, which is more concerned with seeing "interesting stories" than younger moviegoers, who embrace a film "as long the action is great and the gadgets are there."

Warner's lower-key approach to "Batman Returns" was echoed in the company's ancillary marketing and licensing activities.
"We decided not to make a lot of noise,"

said Dan Romanelli, president of Warner Brothers Consumer Products, "to instead let

its heels

That is why merchandise, ranging from Kenner toys and figurines for children to Catwoman nightshirts and jackets for women, is just now arriving in stores. That is also why the licensing lineup was pared from 1989. Then, there were 19 T-shirt licensees — "anyone who had a black bolt became one," Romanelli said - whereas now there are two.

Roger Gray, the president and chief execu-tive at Gray Kirk/Van Sant in Baltimore, the lodging chain's agency, said he expected "Batman Returns" to exceed the performance of "Batman," in part because of "the drawing power" of DeVito and Pfeiffer.

Would that mean a third installment in the bat saga? Though Friedman demurred at answer

ing. Tim Burton, the director of both bat movies, said in an interview in the July issue of Premiere magazine that the odds were

PEOPLE

Buchwald Ruling Stands*

profits from the hit film "Coming to America." Judge Harvey Schneider said Paramount Pictures could not deduct \$32,500 the studio already paid to Buchwald and producer Alsin Bernheim for developing the idea for the top-grossing film starring Eddie Murphy. Buchwald and Bernheim won a suit in March in which they contended they conceived the plot for the 1986 movie and were therefore entitled to a share of the profits. The two had originally asked for \$6.2 million in damages, but Buchwald was awarded \$150,000 for his idea and Bernheim received \$750,000 for his work on the production. Paramount did not contest the awards themselves.

Joan Lunden, the co-host of the "Good Morning America" televi-sion program, has been ordered to pay her estranged husband \$18,000 a month in support Lunden, 41, filed for divorce earlier this year from the TV producer Michael Krunss, 52. They had been married for almost 14 years and have three daughters. Justice Nicholas Cola-bella, in Westchester County, New York, ordered Lunden to pay Krauss the amount and to pay half his unreimbursed medical expenses. "Why the courts don't tell a husband who has been living off his wife to go out and get a job is beyond my comprehension," Lun-den, who reportedly makes \$2 mil-lion a year, said in a statement.

Guns N' Roses' lead singer, Ard Rose, spewed some vulgar thoughts to a Paris andience about his girlfriend Stephanie Seymour's last love. "I'd like to dedicate this next song to a man . . . that lives his life playing games," the singer be-gan. "I'd like to dedicate this song to a cheap punk named Warren Beatty." Beatty has been characteristically silent. Maybe all that badng tired Rose out, because he canceled his sold-out performance Tuesday in Manchester, England. The band said Rose was suffering from exhaustion and needed rest.

Alan Jackson won three awards and fans voted Garth Brooks entertainer of the year at the 26th annual

A judge in Los Angeles has ruled TNN-Music City News Country that the humorist Art Buchwald Awards show in Nashville, Tennes and a partner should receive the see Brooks, who has sold more full \$900,000 originally awarded to them in a trial over the rights to profits from the hit film "Coming pin the Wind," had been nominated in five categories and won entertainer of the year. Jackson was nominated for six awards and won for male artist of the year and al-bum and single of the year for "Don't Rock the Jukebox." The cowboy star Roy Rogers was honored for his more than 25 years in entertainment with the Living Legend Award.

> Magie Johnson ran the basket-ball throw and the gymnast Mary Lon Retton handled the balancing act. Scores of celebrities and attletes volunteered for the annual Pediatric AIDS Foundation carnival in Los Angeles and raised more than \$1.5 million. Camilco Berges was in charge of the touchdown pass. Mel Gibson helped out with the basketball throw, Chery Chee with the wheel of fortune and Sally Field with the penny pitch. Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams ran the frog toss game.

It looks as though those 50 hours of revealing tapes on the life and times of Pamela Harriman will be put to good use after all. Earlier put to good use after all. Earlier this year Harriman abruptly pulled the plug on her autobiography, leaving her collaborator, Caristopher Odgeo, a bit in the hirch. Ogden, who had quit his full-time job, held the taped interviews hostage in hopes of settlement with Harriman. Odgen finally gave Harriman the tapes — but kept a copy for himself for his new book project: an unanthorized biography of the Demo-cratic grande dame. "I'd rather write than hitigate." Ogden said.

A Japanese-born U.S. scientist and a British research group were named Tuesday as winners of the inaugural Blue Planet environment award by the Asahi Glass Foundation. The winners were Dr. Synkero Manabe, a member of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Labora-tory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Princeton, New Jersey, and the International Institute for Environment and Development in London. The winners will get 50 million yen (\$385,000) each.

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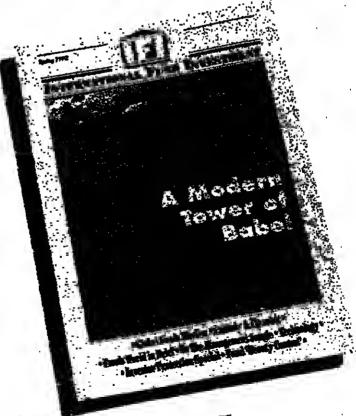
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